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INCORPORATED 1670

AREA	ELEVATION	POPULATION
9,300 Acres	132 Feet at Main St.	3443

STATE SENATOR
Franklin-Hampshire District
Stanley Rosenberg
State House Room 413, Boston, MA 02133
(617) 722-1532

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
First Hampshire District
William P. Nagle, Jr.
State House, Room 343
Boston, MA 02133

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
First Congressional District
John W. Olver
1027 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
Local Office
490 Westfield Road
Holyoke Mass. 01040
(413) 532-7010

SENATORS IN CONGRESS
Edward M. Kennedy
315 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

John F. Kerry
421 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Athenian Oath

We will never bring disgrace to this our town, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our sufferin comrades in the ranks; we will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the town, both alone and with many; we will revere and obey the town's laws and do our best to incite a like respect in those above us who are prone to annul or set them at naught; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty, thus in all these ways we will transmit this town not only less, but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.

*This Annual Report
Is Dedicated
To the Memory of*

Peter S. Rogaleski
Town Clerk – Treasurer
February 15, 1942 – October 1, 1976



Lucille Godek
School Nurse
September 1952 to September 1, 1992

Beverly Page
Town Secretary
July 1, 1980 – July 10, 1997



In appreciation for their years of service to the Town of Hatfield

TOWN OFFICERS FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

(Numbers in parentheses indicate year term expires)

ELECTED

MODERATOR

Gordon A. Woodward Jr. (1999)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

George G. Zgrodnik Jr. (1998)
J. Michael Cahill (1999)
E. Lary Grossman (2000)

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER

G. Louise Slysz (1999)

TOWN COLLECTOR

Joanne Porada (1999)

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Christopher G. Smith (1999)
Alexander W. Ciszewski (1998)
Ronald Punksa (2000)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Patrick J. Gaughan (1998)
Stanley J. Pitchko, Jr. (1999)
Mark Vachula (1999)
Janet R. Szych (2000)
Janice M. Davis (2000)

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Thomas G. Berniche (1999)
Christopher F. Miller (2000)
Sandra D. Shields (1998)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Kathleen F. Winters (1998)
Thomas Carroll (1999)
Jane A. Scavotto (2000)

ELECTOR, OLIVER SMITH WILL

Henry P. Betsold (1998)

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

A. Cory Bardwell (1998)
Edward S. Kowalski (2000)
William Podmayer (1999)

TREE WARDEN

Norman C. Campbell (1999)

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Frederick J. Dzialo (1999)
Anthony J. Gillespie (2000)
William P. Korza (1998)

BOARD OF HEALTH

William E. Pashek (1999)
Stanley J. Sliwoski (2000)
A. Cory Bardwell (1998)

PLANNING BOARD

A. Cory Bardwell (2001)
Edward D. Molloy (1998)
E. Lary Grossman (1999)
Robert T. Bartlett (2000)
Daniel Barry (2002)

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Alice Maiewski (2002)
Michael J. McGrath (2000)
Joseph A. Szych (1998)
Raymond W. Thomas (2001)
Arthur Malone (2001), state appt. member

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Sean M. Barry (1999)

APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(3-Year Term)
Leslie H. Button (1998)
Patrick Gaughan (1999)
E. Lary Grossman (2000)

CULTURAL COUNCIL

(3-Year Term)
Melissa Green (1999)
Connie Pogue (2000)
Brenda Bolduc (1999)
Alan Bloomgarden (2000)
Edward Moret (2000)
Marsha Molloy (1999)

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

(3-Year Term)
Mildred Z. Osley (1999)
Helen H. Bardwell (2000)
Ruth Kuchyt (1998)
G. Louise Slysz, Clerk

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

(Annually)

Joseph Lavallee

Mark Vachula

Robert Bartlett

J. Michael Cahill

Steven Bernson

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

(Annually)

Robert J. Osepowicz

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(3-Year Term)

Gordon O. Williams (2000)

A. Cory Bardwell (1998)

Virginia Y. Orson (1998)

Thaddeus L. Kabat (1999)

Paul Davis (2000)

Stanley Sliwoski (1999)

Christopher Brennan (2000)

COUNCIL ON AGING

(3-Year Term)

William Podmayer (1998)

Henry P. Betsold (1999)

Worth Noyes (2000)

Mary Brennan (1999)

Laura Schilling (2000)

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

(Annually)

Robert Tefft

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

(Annually)

Richard Drury

Theodore E. Celatka, Jr.

William Belden

Thomas O. Hart

Thomas J. Hurley

Robert J. Osepowicz

David Hurley

Jan Adamski

Greg Gagnon

William Metzger

Mary Jane Bacon

Stanley Sliwoski

Richard McBroom

FIELD DRIVER & FENCE VIEWER

(Annually)

Robert Tefft

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

(Annually)

Christopher Miller

**HILLTOWN RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE**

A. Cory Bardwell (1998)

William E. Pashek (1998)

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

(3-Year Term)

Mary Lou Cutter (2000)

George H. Ashley III (1998)

Thomas Prew (1999)

Thomas Carroll (2000)

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

(5-Year Term)

Albert M. Omasta (1998)

Daniel Barry (1999)

Robert Gates (1997)

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
FINANCING AUTHORITY**

(5-Year Term)

James Lavallee (1998)

G. Louise Slysz (1999)

Ronald Smiarowski (2000)

David I. Dulong (2001)

Edward J. Kuchyt (1997)

INSPECTION SERVICES

(Annually)

Inspector of Buildings

Stanley Sadowski

Asst. Inspector of Buildings

Stanley Szewczyk

Asst. Electrical Inspector

(2-Year Term)

Stanley Symanski (1998)

Electrical Inspector

David Lizek (1998)

Gas Inspector

(Yearly)

Walter Geryk (1997)

Plumbing Inspector

Walter Geryk (1997)

Asst. Plumbing Inspector

Rene Labbe (1997)

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTER

(Annually)

William J. Shea

**JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR
PIONEER VALLEY REGION**

(Annually)

Mary Couture-Burgess

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

(Yearly)

Eugene Proulx

Frederick Dzialo

Robert T. Bartlett

PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX COMMITTEE

Robert Osepowicz

Jonathan Bardwell

Ted Celatka

David Hurley

Eugene Proulx

Norman Campbell

MILL RIVER WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Annually)

Paul Davis

A. Cory Bardwell

Frank Motyka

Christopher Miller

Peter Labarber

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

(Yearly)

Todd McCoy

RECREATION COMMISSION

(3-Year Term)

Bruce G. Brown (1999)

Mark Wickles (2000)

Richard Strong (1998)

Bernard Motyka (1998)

Dana Weybrew (1999)

VETERANS' COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE

(Yearly)

Henry P. Betsold

Kenneth E. Balise

Edmund E. Jaworski, Jr.

Robert Cutter

Bryan O. Nicholas

VETERANS' AGENT

(Yearly)

Richard Burrington

**WESTERN VALLEY WATER PROTECTION
COMMITTEE**

(Yearly)

Paul Davis

A. Cory Bardwell

Christopher Miller

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

(5-Year Term)

Thaddeus L. Kabat (2000)

Giles F. Desmond (1998)

Bryan Nicholas (1999)

Alt. Kenneth R. Balise (2001)

Alt. Lawrence Stoddard (2002)

APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(3-Year Term)

Steven Bernson (1998)

C. Gregory Winters (2000)

Paul Labbee (1999)

Paul Dostal (1999)

Gary Richardson (2000)

EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Theodore Celatka, Jr., Manager

Gregory Gagnon, Asst. Manager

James Crepeau

James Gagnon

Barrett Rogaleski

Worth Noyes

Jeffery Suriano

Cessie Pelis

Gregory E. Weeks

Darryl L. Williams

Susan Breen-Pomeroy

Laurie Banas

Douglass Baker

Mark Ober

Steve Gaughan

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Chief Robert Osepowicz

William A. Belden, Deputy Chief

John T. Pease, Deputy Chief

Capt. Ronald R. Lavallee

Capt. Jonathan Bardwell

Lt. Matthew S. Reopel

Lt. Edwin McGlew III

FIRE FIGHTERS

Jan J. Adamski
Nikolas Adamski
Garrett Barry
Paul Bielunis
Theodore Celatka, Jr.
Gresgon Chase
James Crepeau
Gregory Dibrindisi
Gregory Gagnon
Timothy M. Houle
Worth H. Noyes
R. Scott Pomeroy
James Purcell
Barrett Rogaleski
Thomas Sadowski
Richard Shea
Robert Shea
Malcomb Broussard
Stanley Lapa
Tracey T. Rogers
Timothy Jackewich
Stephen Gaughan
Kurt Yanginski
Paul Worsnop

POLICE OFFICERS

Michael Holhut (1999)
William F. Boyle (1999)
Daniel Warner
Matthew Barstow (1999)
John Vey (1999)
William Scott
Michael Stiles
Raymond Redfern
Jessica D. Kiendzior

**FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE
ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

James Szynal, Jr.
Norman Campbell
Robert Donaldson
William Belden
Robert Osepowicz
Robert Tefft

**HAMPSHIRE LOCAL EMERGENCY
PLANNING COMM.**

David M. Hurley (2000)
Robert Osepowicz (1999)
Theodore Celatka, Alternate (1999)

POLICE STAFF

Chief David M. Hurley (1999)
Sgt. Gregory E. Weeks (1999)
Sgt. Thomas J. Osley (1999)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The last year has seen many changes in the Board of Selectmen, both in membership and philosophy. We say good-bye to long time Selectman Thomas J. Hurley. We will miss his expertise and knowledge of the Town and thank him for his contributions, both as a Selectman and an active member of the community. We welcome E. Lary Grossman as the newest member of the Board.

Community Input, Accessibility and Outreach

The Board of Selectmen has made a determined effort to expand community outreach and allow for easier public accessibility to the board and its deliberations. Initial steps include dedicating the first fifteen minutes of Selectmen's meetings to a community forum which gives the public an opportunity to address issues and introduce ideas to the Selectmen. Meetings have been moved from the Town Clerk - Treasurer's Office to the Memorial Town Hall Community Room. This relocation provides additional space and more comfortable seating for the public. Beyond the Town Hall postings and meeting notices in the local press, the Selectmen promote the meetings on a large sign on the town hall front lawn. Local businessman John Siegel of Linseed Road was commissioned to make the sign. We thank him for his ongoing contribution in providing us updated date and time postings.

While we are trying to encourage all interested residents to attend and participate in Selectmen's meetings, we are also showing a willingness to come to them. This past year saw the beginning of Selectmen's meetings held in several areas of the Town. The first outdoor meeting ever was held at the Main Street Common, followed by Sister's Convenience Store in West Hatfield and the North Hatfield Common. As the seasons allow, continued neighborhood outreach is planned to include further outside meetings as well as meeting locations in other town buildings (eg, the Board held a meeting in Smith Academy's library in the fall of 1997). Also, the Selectmen, for the first time in recent memory, chose to sit with the people at a special town meeting in December.

Communication Technology

Full implementation of the Centrex telephone system was completed. This conversion offers cost efficiency as well as features that expedite communications between departments and with the public. The public now has access to individual departments through direct phone lines. In the absence of personnel in those departments, calls can be forwarded to the secretarial pool. During non-business hours callers to the Town Hall's main numbers are greeted with voice mail. This affords the opportunity for the public to leave messages and arrange for responses. This voice mail will also be used to provide the public up to date information in the case of power and cables outages and other emergencies.

The Town Hall also took its first small step onto the "information highway". Internet access is available to town departments through the computer in the secretaries' office. Departments are able to get up to date information from state offices and other sources relevant to their operation.

E-mail affords another way of communicating among state, local, and the general public. The public is encouraged to e-mail us at hatfield@javanet.com. We welcome your input.

Accomplishments

In March 1997 the Board of Selectmen signed a five year renewal for cable license with Continental Cablevision, now MediaOne. Federal law prohibits negotiation of rates and channels in the license renewal process. Hatfield's new license includes a community channel for use by residents of the Town, the schools, and local government. Training and equipment will be provided by MediaOne. Preliminary discussion have begun with MediaOne, the school department, and the Selectmen in implementing local cable access. The Selectmen acknowledge and thank the members of the Cable Advisory Committee for their time and research in recommending a contract that best serves the residents of the community. Those members are Chairman E. Lary Grossman, Patrick Gaughan, and Leslie Button.

The Board of Selectmen has instituted changes relevant to the operation of departments under its jurisdiction. The Selectmen are aggressively promoting an expectation of professionalism, accountability, and civility from their department heads in dealings with the public and other town employees. Towards that end the Selectmen have introduced a policy of annual evaluations for department heads. Department heads are also required to institute an evaluation process for their staff. Above and beyond the evaluations, the Selectmen's goal is to meet with all department heads quarterly in order to exchange concerns and ideas and report on operations within that department.

To further promote accountability and efficiency, the practice of individual Selectmen serving as liaisons to various boards and departments has been discontinued. Administrative Assistant Mary Burgess works directly and closely with the Board of Selectmen and can better respond to the needs of departments. Departmental operations, planning, and coordination are more effectively communicated to and from the Selectmen as a board through the Administrative Assistant. A separate annual report for the Administrative Assistant is being eliminated as the performance of the Administrative Assistant's position is directly related to the directives and policies of the Board of Selectmen.

This past year saw the retirement of Town Accountant, Robert Miller. We wish him health and happiness. Dale Kowacki was appointed the new Town Accountant. An independent con-

tractor, he brings to the position the knowledge and experience of serving other small communities as their Town Accountant. A major conversion and full computerization of the accounting function has led to temporary reporting delays and the inconvenience of some departments. The completion of the conversion, as well as staff training in the clerical pool, will result in much improved information and accounting services to departments and the public from the accountant's office.

The clerical pool was repurposed under the Administrative Assistant to better support part-time boards and departments as well as the Board of Selectmen. The acquisition of a computer to support the functions of the Building Inspector and the Board of Health will allow for clerical pool staff to respond to issues in those departments in the absence of their personnel. The Board of Health's Septic Loan Management Program, approved at a Fall 1997 Special Town Meeting, will be supported by clerical staff trained to respond to both the public and the state in that program's operation.

In response to increasing costs for the repair and purchase of vehicles and equipment, the Board of Selectmen established a new department and introduced the new position of Vehicle Maintenance Manager. This position is responsible for recommending to the Board of Selectmen the budgeting, maintenance, and acquisition of new and used equipment and vehicles for all departments. James Szynal brings to this position extensive experience in fleet management in the private sector.

Future Plans

A Department of Public Works

The Board of Selectmen's outreach has brought to our attention residents' concerns about townwide public works operations. Issues about highway operations, additional costs and expertise needed to operate the town's water distribution system, the need to plan and fund the expansion of the town's sewer system, and the desire to more effectively utilize personnel and equipment have prompted the Board of Selectmen to propose the creation of a Department of Public Works. This department will be led by a professional director responsible for the operation, coordination, and planning of public works in the Town of Hatfield. This new organization would involve the consolidation of the highway, water, sewer, tree warden and recycling center operations. In the fall a DPW report was commissioned from a consultant. This report was built on a 1987 report recommending a Department of Public Works for the Town of Hatfield. In a February 1998 kickoff meeting with department heads, commissioners and employees, the group listed over 30 benefits that ultimately would result in improved services and better use of tax money for the community.

The Selectmen are aggressively pursuing input from both the town's departments and the public in preparing a final proposal to be acted upon by the voters at the May 1998 Annual Town Meeting.

Road and Sidewalk Improvements

The multi-million dollar expansion of drainage and sewer to the Bridge Street and Gore Avenue neighborhoods will begin in the next few months. The Town secured approval to participate in the State Revolving Fund Program. This program will allow the Town to borrow the cost of the sewer project at zero percent interest. Aggressive attempts are being made to secure full funding for the road reconstruction portion of that project. Talks are ongoing with our local legislative representatives as well as Mass Highway in order to secure financial assistance.

The Board of Selectmen is committed to an ongoing multi-year road and sidewalk improvement program. Chapter 90 funds will be committed to reconstruction of deteriorating high traffic roadways and sidewalks throughout the Town beginning this summer.

Facilities Space Plan

In November the Property Committee requested that the Board of Selectmen develop a long range facilities space plan. The need for the plan was underscored by the needs of the Historical Commission and Historical Society. In December both organizations informed of the Selectmen of the dire conditions under which irreplaceable historical records were being stored. Environmental conditions at Dickinson Memorial Library as well as in Memorial Town Hall are contributing to the deterioration of these documents.

In response to these concerns, as well as the ever increasing pressure on local governments to expand, the Selectmen are supporting the Property Committee's request to develop a facilities space plan. Professional assistance is being sought, hopefully from a college or university intern program. Subsequent input from town departments and the public will be crucial to the relevance and success of the plan.

The Board of Selectmen wants to thank the community for the privilege of being able to serve and contribute to the future success of our town.

J. Michael Cahill, Chairman
George Zgrodnik, Member
E. Lary Grossman, Member

TOWN ACCOUNTANT
GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 1997

ASSETS

CASH AND INVESTMENTS		1,465,069.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:		
Real Estate Taxes 1997	114,983.00	
Levy 1996	64,880.00	
Levy 1995	24,909.00	<u>204,772.00</u>
Rollback Taxes 61A		6,051.00
Personal Property Taxes		
Levy 1997	2,453.00	
Levy 1996	600.00	
Levy 1995	644.00	
Levy 1994 & Prior	2,776.00	<u>6,473.00</u>
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax		
Levy 1997	25,400.00	
Levy 1996	3,193.00	
Levy 1995	2,090.00	
Levy 1994	3,377.00	
Levy 1993	1,139.00	
Levy 1992 & Prior	8,507.00	<u>43,706.00</u>
Tax Liens		101,397.00
Tax Foreclosures		1,139.00
Farm Animals		611.00
Less: Allowance for Uncollectibles		<u>(176,165.00)</u>
Total Assets		<u>1,653,053.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities		
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	41,131.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise	43,706.00	
Farm Animals	611.00	
Tax Liens/Foreclosures	102,536.00	<u>187,984.00</u>
Warrants Payable		147,004.00
Fund Equity		
Reserved for Encumbrances	392,823.00	
Reserved for Subsequent Years Approp	300,000.00	
Unreserved, Undesignated	625,242.00	<u>1,318,065.00</u>
Total Liability and Fund		<u>1,653,053.00</u>

SPECIAL REVENUE**BALANCE SHEET**

June 30, 1997

ASSETS

Cash	1,085,373.00
Receivables:	
Ambulance	47,898.00
Water1	4,602.00
Sewer	9,252.00
State Aid to Highway	506,114.00
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Total Assets	1,663,239.00

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**Liabilities**

Deferred Revenue:	
Ambulance	47,898.00
Water	14,602.00
Sewer	9,252.00
State Aid to Highway	506,114.00
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Warrants Payable	17,845.00

Total Liabilities	595,711.00
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Fund Equity

Reserved for Encumbrances	353,119.00
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Unreserved:	
Revolving Funds - School	5,117.00
School Grants/Funds	(4,369.00)
Emergency Planning Committee	281.00
Library Gift/Funds	13,925.00
Highway Funds	(41,472.00)
C.O.A. Grant/Funds	2,291.00
Arts Lottery	3,358.00
Police Funds	6,219.00
Ambulance Surplus	75,738.00
Water Surplus	441,060.00
Sewer Surplus	188,161.00
Records/Museum Preservation	1,000.00
Jaws of Life	600.00
Recreation	210.00
Historical - Tobacco Shed	17,500.00
Conservation Funds	4,790.00
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Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	1,663,239.00
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LONG TERM DEBT

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1997

ASSETS

Amount to be Provided For Payment of Debt	<u>3,657,733.00</u>
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Bond Indebtedness:

School Loan - Jr. Sr. High	280,000.00
Sewer Loan - Facility/Orig. Loan	330,000.00
Sewer Loan N. Hatfield Rd. Ext.	196,500.00
Water Loans	24,000,000.00
Assessors Maps	37,500.00
Ambulance Building	113,733.00
S.A. Roof	300,000.00

Total Liabilities	<u>3,657,733.00</u>
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TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1997

ASSETS

Cash	<u>655,099.00</u>
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LIABILITY AND FUND EQUITY

Liability	
Employees Withholdings	(5,383.00)
Warrants Payable	62,846.00
Fund Equity	
Michael Slysز Memorial	7,100.00
Graduation Awards	61,378.00
Stabilization	306,537.00
Unemployment	20,098.00
Ambulance	32,375.00
Maude Boli Trust	46,745.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	57,962.00
Tobacco Shed	10,027.00
Anniversary Trust Funds	3,057.00
School - Student Activity	22,825.00
Workers Comp. Insurance Trust	29,532.00
	<u>597,636.00</u>
Total Liability & Fund Equity	<u>655,099.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Miller
Town Accountant

ACTIVITY ON TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

	New In FY '97	Carried Forward From Prior Year	Total Spent/Reverted FY '97	Carried Forward To FY '98
Assessors Maps		49,827.00	47,702.00	2,125.00
Assessors New Office		1,247.00	1,247.00	0.00
Fire Station Doors		1,997.00		1,997.00
Ambulance Facility		4,055.00	3,717.00	338.00
Smith Academy - Design Roof		9,317.00	4,900.00	4,417.00
Sewer Project - Bridge St. Etc.		45,000.00	40,500.00	4,500.00
Landfill Closing Preparation		17,588.00	14,887.00	2,701.00
Center School - Remove Oil Tanks		20,000.00		20,000.00
Highway Dump Truck		37,484.00	37,484.00	0.00
Fire Department Pagers		5,000.00	4,920.00	80.00
Ambulance Pagers		2,500.00	2,460.00	40.00
Town Hall Record Restoration		5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Water Filtration Facility	2,176,089.00		1,986,877.00	189,212.00
Plans Safety Facilities		5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Town Clerks Records Restorations		5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Fire Department Equipment		3,390.00	2,660.00	730.00
School Energy Improvement		36,863.00	36,863.00	0.00
Sewer Extension - N. Hatfield Rd.		36,859.00	0.00	36,859.00
Purchase Lots - Cemetery		1,498.00	0.00	1,498.00
Fire Dept. Protective Equipment		1,224.00	1,224.00	0.00
Running Gutter Brook - Engineering		12,071.00	0.00	12,071.00
Depot Rd. Water Project		18,288.00	0.00	18,288.00
Survey Water Services		3,793.00	0.00	3,793.00
Refund Entertainment License Fee		200.00	0.00	200.00
Tax Title Fund		3,001.00	0.00	3,001.00
Hepatitis-B Vaccine Shots		4,240.00	345.00	3,895.00
Pioneer Valley Planning Dues	478.00		478.00	0.00
Sewer Project - Bridge/Gore	38,500.00	0.00	0.00	38,500.00
Hilltown Resource Management	11,150.00	0.00	11,150.00	0.00
County Retirement	109,979.00	0.00	109,979.00	0.00
Prior Years Invoices	163.00	0.00	163.00	0.00
Replace Smith Academy Roof	300,000.00	0.00	297,615.00	2,385.00
Library Handicap Ramp	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00
Breor School - Oil Tank Removal	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Police Cruiser	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00
Town Hall - Restoration Project	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
COA - Upgrade Kitchen	14,000.00	0.00	0.00	14,000.00
Water Department - New Pick Up	35,000.00	0.00	0.00	35,000.00
Technology Plan	31,324.00	0.00	0.00	31,324.00
Consultant - Technology Plan	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Legal Services - Labrie	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00
School - Litigation Special	20,128.00	0.00	15,710.00	4,418.00
Auto Extrication Equipment	31,644.00	0.00	0.00	31,644.00
Landfill - Engineering Cost	35,500.00	0.00	0.00	35,500.00
1998 Revaluation	18,000.00	0.00	3,375.00	14,625.00
	718,866.00	2,506,531.00	2,624,256.00	601,141.00

APPROPRIATION TABLE

July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997

Departmental	Original Appropriation	Addition Transfer	Total Available	Total Spent Encumbered	Balance Reverted
Moderator	80	0	80	80	0
Selectmen's Salaries	7,350	0	7,350	7,337	13
Selectmen's Expense	4,180	0	4,180	3,816	364
Admin. Asst. Wages	31,044	0	31,044	31,044	0
Admin. Asst. Expenses	900	0	900	676	224
Accountant's Salary	13,282	0	13,282	13,282	0
Accountant's Expense	2,900	0	2,900	2,642	258
Audit of Town Records	5,500	0	5,500	5,500	0
Treasurer's Salary	20,085	0	20,085	20,085	0
Treasurer's Expense	11,550	0	11,550	11,539	11
Collector's Salary	22,661	0	22,661	22,661	0
Collector's Expense	8,060	0	8,060	7,597	463
Assessors' Salaries	12,960	0	12,960	12,436	524
Assessors' Expense	19,465	125	19,590	19,578	12
Assessors' Assistant	25,300	0	25,300	24,103	1,197
Town Clerk's Salary	11,830	0	11,830	11,830	0
Town Clerks Expenses	3,675	0	3,675	3,675	0
Municipal Staff Wages	59,093	0	59,093	47,707	11,386
Town Counsel	9,372	0	9,372	9,372	0
Legal/Profess. Expense	3,000	0	3,000	2,880	120
Town Officials Court Action	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000
Update Town Law Books	1,000	0	1,000	722	278
Election & Registration Wages	4,100	0	4,100	3,253	847
Election & Registration Expense	1,800	0	1,800	1,696	104
Elector's Salary - Oliver Smith	25	0	25	25	0
Planning Board Salaries	1,500	0	1,500	600	900
Planning Board Expenses	2,760	0	2,760	1,308	1,452
Zoning Board of Appeals Salary	375	0	375	150	225
Zoning Board of Appeals Expenses	875	0	875	275	600
Conservation Comm. Expense	650	63	713	713	0
Finance Comm. Expense	750	0	750	475	275
Historical Commission Expense	3,600	0	3,600	3,596	4
Public Bldg. Maint. Wages	8,349	0	8,349	7,162	1,187
Public Bldg. Maint. Expense	21,658	1,700	23,358	23,173	185
Police Dep. Sal & Wages	74,668		74,668	74,668	0
Police Dept. Expenses	18,923	0	18,923	17,430	1,493
Fire Dept Sal & Wage	20,480	800	21,280	21,277	3
Fire Dept Expense	28,950	0	28,950	24,222	4,728
Ambulance Wages	10,625	1,686	12,311	12,311	0
Ambulance Expense	10,500	0	10,500	9,147	1,353
Right To Know Wages	500	0	500	0	500
Tree Warden Wages	1,450	0	1,450	1,450	0
Tree Department Expenses	10,000	5,002	15,002	15,002	0
Civil Defense Wages	500	0	500	500	0
Civil Defense Expense	680	0	680	0	680
Dog Officer Wages	800	0	800	200	600
Dog Officer Expenses	700	354	1,054	702	352
Field Driver Fence Viewer Sal.	175	0	175	0	175
Inspections Services Sal.	25,729	500	26,229	26,200	29

Departmental	Original Appropriation	Addition Transfer	Total Available	Total Spent Encumbered	Balance Reverted
Inspections Services Expenses	2,400	0	2,400	2,106	294
Insp of Animal & Slaughter	700	0	700	549	151
Sewer Commissioners Salary	2,760	0	2,760	2,760	0
Sewer Dept. Wages	73,146	0	73,146	72,084	1,062
Sewer Dept. Expense	93,175	9	93,184	93,184	0
Board of Health Salaries	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	0
Board of Health Expenses	1,200	0	1,200	815	385
Emergency Planning Comm.	1,120	0	1,120	1,072	48
Solid Waste & Dump Main Wages	23,846	0	23,846	20,568	3,278
Solid Waste & Dump Main Expense	28,150	0	28,150	26,407	1,743
Highway Department Sal. & Wage	169,544	0	169,544	169,544	0
Highway Dept. Overtime	10,000	4,044	14,044	14,044	0
Highway Dept Operating Exp.	119,615	5,936	125,551	125,551	0
Streetlights	23,700	0	23,700	22,619	1,081
Veteran's Service Salaries	450	0	450	450	0
Veteran's Service Expense	3,050	0	3,050	71	2,979
Memorial Day	1,800	0	1,800	994	806
Schools	2,428,200	1,400	2,429,600	2,429,600	0
Vocational Tuition & Trans	195,080	0	195,080	158,997	36,083
Library Wages	29,999	7	30,006	30,006	0
Library Expense	17,550	0	17,550	17,550	0
Council on Aging Wages	12,731	0	12,731	12,731	0
Council on Aging Expenses	1,150	0	1,150	843	307
Transportation of Elderly Wag	8,446	1,384	9,830	9,830	0
Transportation of Elderly Exp	2,800	1,300	4,100	3,757	343
Recreation Wages	2,250	0	2,250	1,870	380
Recreation Expenses	5,075	0	5,075	3,600	1,475
Cultural Council Expense	25	0	25	22	3
Comp. Soft and Support Exp	3,500	0	3,500	3,300	200
Office Supp. & Equip Exp.	3,600	0	3,600	3,538	62
Print Deliver Town Reports	2,190	0	2,190	2,001	189
Finance Comm Reserve Fund	50,000	-24,937	25,063	0	25,063
Insurance	54,549	0	54,549	40,683	13,866
Chap. 32B Insurance	130,000	0	130,000	109,866	20,134
Social Security/Medicare	19,250	302	19,552	19,552	0
Town Clock Maintenance	630	0	630	90	540
Water Commissioner's Salary	2,760	0	2,760	2,393	367
Water Dept Wages	75,369	0	75,369	34,923	40,446
Water Dept. Expense	105,990	0	105,990	54,379	51,611
Cemetery Expense	5,950	325	6,275	6,275	0
Interest Probable	116,045	0	116,045	103,248	12,797
School Loan - Jr-Sr. Hs.	160,000	0	160,000	160,000	0
Interest on School Loan	27,280	0	27,280	27,280	0
Sewer Construction Loan	110,000	0	110,000	110,000	0
Interest on Sewer Const. Loan	25,410	0	25,410	25,410	0
Sewer Extension Loan	15,000	0	15,000	15,000	0
Sewer Extension Interest	11,750	0	11,750	11,750	0
Water Loan - Filtration	65,000	0	65,000	65,000	0
Water Interest - Filtration	2,633	0	2,633	2,633	0
Ambulance Building Loan	28,400	0	28,400	28,400	0
Assessors Map Loan	37,500	0	37,500	37,500	0
Municipal Loan Interest	8,077	0	8,077	8,077	0
Smith Academy Roof Design	30,000	0	30,000	30,000	0
	4,884,254	0	4,884,254	4,637,019	247,235

TOWN COLLECTOR
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1997

	Balance	Committed	Collected	Abated	Refund	Tax Title	Liens	Outstanding Balance June 30, 1997
REAL ESTATE								
1993	409.87		409.87					-
1994	15,068.72		13,406.62				1,662.10	-
1995	53,856.71		27,229.81	7,180.41	7,180.41	1,717.84		24,909.06
1996	130,412.14		63,290.50	7,782.77	7,782.77	2,241.88		64,879.76
1997		2,948,131.46	2,773,482.22	50,748.82	4,842.11	13,758.96		114,983.57
ROLL BACK TAXES								
1994	7,795.34				7,795.34			
1996	6,215.09			163.98				6,051.11
PERSONAL PROPERTY								
1982	284.40							284.40
1983	22.58							22.58
1984	23.52							23.52
1985	39.20							39.20
1986	205.92							205.92
1987	1,006.60		238.00	733.60				35.00
1988	686.25							686.25
1989	1,173.20		936.80	216.40				20.00
1990	600.91		444.60					156.31
1991	1,334.58		409.00					925.58
1992	848.41		81.65	541.62				225.14
1993	755.99		156.04	599.95				-
1994	845.46			693.00				152.46
1995	1,795.05			1,150.86				644.19
1996	3,021.37		1,122.57	1,298.46				2,452.91
1997		130,671.39	127,895.66	448.48	125.66			
FARMS								
1993	534.50		48.00					486.50
1997		2,031.13	1,907.13	80.00	80.00			124.00
WATER								
1995	9,133.20		317.00				8,816.20	-
1996		317,988.73	296,359.26	926.00	477.00			12,846.47
WATER LIENS								
1994	137.99		137.99					-
1995	353.78		353.78					-
1996	3,581.81		2,663.38					918.43
1997		10,418.41	8,915.55			665.38		837.48
SEWER								
1996	7,770.00		1,790.00				5,980.00	-
1997		171,275.00	156,561.39	7,146.00	476.00			8,043.61

**Outstanding
Balance**

	Balance	Committed	Collected	Abated	Refund	Tax Title	Liens	June 30, 1997
SEWER LIENS								
1994	169.03		169.03					-
1995	319.77		319.77					-
1996	745.03			152.77				592.26
1997		7,002.70	5,759.81			626.53		616.36
AMBULANCE	33,060.29	55,154.86	35,941.76	4,375.13				47,898.26
PARKING FINES	60.00	15.00						75.00
DOG FINES		64.00	64.00					-
CEMETERY		17.50	17.50					-
MOBILE HOMES		5,760.00	5,760.00					
MOTOR VEHICLE								
1988	2,052.18		5.00					2,047.18
1989	1,526.47		13.13					1,513.34
1990	2,630.54		119.17					2,511.37
1991	1,249.70							1,249.70
1992	1,207.07		21.04					1,186.03
1993	1,252.73		113.96					1,138.77
1994	2,153.54		172.92					1,980.62
1995	4,040.94	2,181.79	4,163.88					2,058.85
1996	24,429.51	64,929.66	85,173.25	4,162.74	3,169.78			3,192.96
1997	295,719.99	268,932.41		3,551.48	2,163.91			25,400.01

SPECIAL FARM & REPAIR PLATES

1994	1,467.10		59.60	11.25				1,396.25
1995		3,665.07	1,231.57	2,702.46	300.21			31.25

Respectfully Submitted.

Joanne M. Porada
Town Collector

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Upon the completion of hearing and reviewing abatement requests for fiscal year 1997 in January, the Board conducted an informational meeting on forestry (Chapter 61), agricultural (Chapter 61A) and recreational (Chapter 61B) land with John Slatery of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau as a guest speaker. The meeting was very well attended and a lot of good questions were fielded by Mr. Slatery who was the primary author of the Chapter Land legislation some eighteen years ago. Topics discussed included clarifications of "farm land", "nonproductive land", "commonality of ownership", and "contiguous land" which helped ease the process in filing and reviewing applications this past year.

Hatfield began a new era this year with the institution of new town maps which are a vast improvement over the old maps. The Department of Revenue mandated the maps be instituted for fiscal year 1998 tax bills. As with anything new, it takes people time to adjust. Many people found it disconcerting to see a different acreage on their tax bill. As more property owners submit surveys on digital media referencing the geographic point system, the maps will become even more accurate. In order for this to happen, the town needs to adopt new regulations for the submission of plans and subdivisions. The new maps give more detailed information such as property measurements (when available from deed or survey), acreage, and topographical features. Every parcel in town was assigned a new map and lot number which meant that all 2,039 parcels on the database had to be changed. The triennial revaluation for fiscal year 1998 began in July. Every three years, towns are mandated to update property values according to market value. Some building values increased due to sales of similar properties in town, some decreased. Due to the map conversion and the revaluation the Board notified all town financial departments in April that real estate tax bills would be delayed until December. The Department of Revenue issued final certification of values in November. A classification hearing was held by the Board of Selectmen in early December. Tax bills were mailed out before the holidays.

With the advent of the new maps, which are in digital format, the board conducted informational meetings on G.I.S. (Geographical Information System) in the spring and fall. The first step in bringing this new technology to work for all departments of the town will be a needs analysis. An in-depth questionnaire was prepared by Ray Remillard of Remillard Associates and distributed to all boards, committees and departments as a first step to pursuing grants available to the town in creating a full G.I.S. system.

As part of our office restructuring, the position of Administrative Assistant Assessor was created. The qualifications for this position bring professional appraisal skills, objectivity, and years of experience working with the Department of Revenue for purposes of accurate assessment and a reduction of expenses in future town revaluations. JoAnn Greenleaf, who resides in

Gill, has worked in the assessing profession since 1984. As you may know, JoAnn helped out as a consultant to the board when the office was going through a particularly difficult time. Since July, the office hours have been extended to Monday through Friday 8:00 - 12:00 and 12:30 - 4:30 and on Wednesday evening from 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. The office has received many compliments on the convenient hours and availability of information. In order to offset the increase in our operating budget for this new position the Assessors have voluntarily reduced their salaries for fiscal year 1998 and 1999 by almost 50% and have also reduced office expenses as well.

We encourage taxpayers to visit the office to meet with us and to review their property information. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued cooperation and assistance.

Ronald Punkska, Chairman
Christopher Smith, Clerk
Alexander Ciszewski

BOARD OF ASSESSORS Tax Rate Recapitulation

	\$
Total Appropriations	146,225.06
Cherry Sheet Deficits	4,854.00
Cherry Sheet Charges	14,447.00
Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions	80,533.01
 Total Amount to be Raised	 \$6,246,059.07
 State Estimated Receipts	 1,000,208.00
Local Estimated Receipts	998,800.00
Free Cash	570,353.29
Other Available Funds	550,662.80
 Total Estimated Receipts	 \$3,120,024.09
 Fiscal Year 1998 Tax Levy	 \$3,126,034.98
Valuation by Class	% Levy by Class
Residential	\$176,325,277
Commercial	\$61,660,843
Industrial	\$10,044,935
Personal Property	\$9,679,990
 Total Value	 \$257,711,045

There are 2,039 real estate parcels in the Town of Hatfield and 149 personal property accounts.

ABATEMENTS AND EXEMPTIONS GRANTED**MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE**

Abatement information for FY98 Real Estate and Personal Property taxes was not available when this report was prepared.

**Number of Real Estate
exemptions for FY98**

	Type	Amount	Levy 1997	# of bills	Total Value	Total Tax
				Levy 1996	182	\$11,225.64
40	Veterans	\$12,100.00				
37	Elderly (Persons over 70)	\$18,500.00	Levy 1997		119	\$5,520.05
3	Blind	\$1,312.50	Levy 1996		22	\$852.41
1	Spouse of a fireman killed in the line of duty	\$1,741.87				
1	Financial Hardship, Age & Infirmity	\$500.00				
Total Amount Granted*		\$34,154.37				

(*incomplete when this report was prepared)

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

ANNUAL CENSUS

The annual census was conducted by mail during the month of January. The complete listing of residents was prepared and various reports, such as the jury list, the school lists, and the elderly lists were distributed. The population as of January 1, 1997 was 3,390. As we approach the finalization of the January 1, 1998 census, the population has shown a slight increase. The current population is 3443. Copies of the annual street list are available at the Town Clerk's office.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration sessions were held, as required by law, prior to all town meetings and elections. Mail-in voter registration as well as registration at the Registry of Motor Vehicles has helped to increase the number of registered voters. The official voting list was updated and distributed prior to each election.

Event	Date	Total	Dem.	Rep.	Unenrolled	All others
Special Town Meeting	4-14-97	2,281	969	207	1,099	3
Annual Town Meeting & Elections	5-13-97 5-20-97	2,278	968	206	1,098	6
Special Town Meeting	11-20-97	2,307	975	208	1,118	6

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred Z. Osley, Chairman
Helen H. Bardwell
Ruth Kuchyt
G. Louise Slysz, Clerk

TOWN CLERK

VITAL STATISTICS

The certificates for births, deaths, and marriages are recorded in the Town Clerk's Office. Certified copies are available for \$5.00 each.

1997 Events	Births	Deaths	Marriages
Male	19	9	8
Female	15	21	0
	<hr/> 34	<hr/> 30	<hr/> 8

Preceding Five Years

1996	28	29	13
1995	24	25	21
1994	37	29	11
1993	33	24	20
1992	33	32	20

DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses are renewed annually by April 1st. The current fees are as follows: Males - \$4.00; Females - \$8.00; Spayed Females - \$4.00; Kennels - \$10.00 and \$25.00; A penalty of \$1.00 per month is assessed beginning May 1st for late registration.

Sales 1997

Males	150
Females	25
Spayed Females	170
Dog Kennel	<hr/> 1
Total Sales	<hr/> 346

Total Receipts \$1,598.00

License Fees 1,505.00

Late Fines 93.00

Late Fines Refunded (23.00)

Preceding Five Years

Year	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992
Sales	330	349	345	178	155

FISH AND GAME LICENSES 1997 SALES

Fishing	46
Half-Price Fishing	4
Free Fishing	13
Non-resident Fishing	4
Hunting	19
Half-Price Hunting	1
Sporting	47
Half-price Sporting	2
Free Sporting	33
Duplicates	4
Waterfowl Stamps	15
Primitive Firearms	12
Wildland Conservation Stamps	125
Archery	16
 Total Sales	 343

Total Receipts:	\$4,269.35	State Funds	\$4,085.00
		Local Funds	184.35

Preceding Years					
Year	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992
Sales	335	387	457	481	503

VARIOUS LICENSES/PERMITS/FILINGS 1997

	Total	Total Receipts
Burial Permits	8	\$80.00
Business Certificates	20	400.00
Gasoline Storage Permits	40	400.00
Homestead Filing	1	10.00
Pole Locations	3	80.00
Raffle Permits	4	40.00
Special Permit Applications	7	1,706.00
Street Lists	32	160.00
Subdivision Plan	1	224.00
Town By-Laws, Sale of	2	6.00
UCC: Filings	61	610.00
Searches	9	90.00
Terminations	11	55.00
Vital Statistics - Certified Copies	204	1,020.00
Marriage Intentions	8	120.00
ZBA - Variance Applications	4	858.00
Zoning By-laws, Sale of	29	87.00
Zoning Maps, Sale of	9	90.00

TOWN MEETING EXCERPTS

A complete record of all articles voted upon at Town Meetings is available at the Town Clerk's office. The following excerpts are a summary of the more significant articles.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 24, 1997

ARTICLE 1 Voted \$1,733,500 to finance the construction of sewer improvements for Bridge Street, Gore Avenue, Prospect Street, south of Chestnut, Prospect Court, School Street west of Prospect, Plantation Road, Winterberry Lane, Chestnut Street, and Porter Avenue area: \$38,500.00 from Sewer Surplus and to borrow \$1,695,000. Yes 156 No 14

ARTICLE 2 Voted to borrow \$1,400,000 for roadway and drainage improvements for Bridge Street and Gore Avenue.

Yes 156 No 14

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 13, 1997

ARTICLE 4 Amended the Town By-Laws, by adding "No person, other than a person removing snow and/or ice under the direction of state or local government, shall place or cause to be placed any snow or ice on any public way or on any private way which serves as access to any building. The penalty provisions of Section 2.02B of the Town By-Laws shall apply, and this Section may be enforced under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 21D.

ARTICLE 5 Voted to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Sections 13A and 13 C relative to workers compensation self-insurance funds.

ARTICLE 6 Voted to \$29,451.00 to fund the Workers Compensation Insurance Trust Fund.

ARTICLE 9 Voted to accept Mass. General Laws, Chapter 59, section 21c., paragraph n, relative to assessing taxes for water or sewer debt service charges in excess of Proposition 2 1/2.

ARTICLE 10 Voted \$116,977.00 for the Hampshire County Retirement System.

ARTICLE 14 Voted to rescind the borrowing for repairs or reconstruction of Running Gutter Brook Dam.

ARTICLE 15 Voted \$77,000.00 to the Capital Planning Account for purposes recommended by the Capital Planning Committee as follows:

Library, Handicapped Access Ramp to Building	8,000.00
Breor School, Heating Oil Tank Removal	5,000.00
Police Department, New 4WD Cruiser	30,000.00
Town Hall, Town Hall Restoration Projects	20,000.00
Council on Aging, Kitchen Equipment, Updates and Floor Covering	14,000.00

And from Water Available Surplus \$35,000.00 for the purchase of a Water Department Truck.

ARTICLE 16 Voted \$31,324.00 to the Capital Improvement Planning Account for the funding of the first year of a five-year Technology Plan.

ARTICLE 17 Voted \$2,000.00 for the purpose of contracting for consultant services to determine the technology needs of the Town.

ARTICLE 18 Voted \$8,000.00 for legal services incurred regarding Court appeals filed by Labrie Stone Products, Inc. relative to the decisions of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 19 Voted \$20,128.00 for the purpose of settling litigation pending before the Bureau of Special Education Appeals of the Department of Education for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 20 Voted \$31,644 for the purchase of auto extrication emergency equipment.

ARTICLE 21 Voted \$35,500.00 to fund engineering costs related to the construction phase of the landfill capping project.

ARTICLE 22 Voted to borrow \$600,000.00 for the closure of the Hatfield Landfill.

ARTICLE 23 Voted to approve the donation of surplus books, as determined by the Library Trustees, to the Friends of the Hatfield Library, Inc., a non profit organization.

ARTICLE 24	Voted an easement to the Tobacco Barn or shed on Billings Way.	Cemetery Commissioner	3 Years	Edward S. Kowalski	797
ARTICLE 25	Voted to acquire three parcels of land for purposes of the sewer and road projects voted at the April 24, 1997 Special Town Meeting.	Sewer Commissioner	3 Years	Anthony Gillespie	786
ARTICLE 26	Voted \$8,000.00 to fund a consultant for the 1998 re-evaluation.	Board of Health	3 Years	Stanley J. Sliwoski	557
ARTICLE 27	Voted \$10,000.00 to fund a consultant or consultants for the work to be done in conjunction with the 1998 re-evaluation.	Planning Board	5 Years	Daniel P. Barry	760
ARTICLE 28	Voted \$4,511,573.00 to defray the charges and expenses for the Town, including debt and interest; to set the salaries for all elected officials and to provide for a Reserve Fund for the ensuing year as follows:	Housing Authority	5 Years	Alice W. Maiewski	773

Funding Summary

Taxation	4,511,573.00
Free cash	300,000.00
Water Revenues	189,290.00
Water Available Surplus	100,000.00
Sewer Revenue	195,741.00
Ambulance Surplus	45,000.00
	5,341,604.00

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTIONS MAY 20, 1997

TOTAL VOTE CAST	991
REGULAR	975
ABSENTEE	16

Selectman	3 Years	E. Lary Grossman	694
Assessor	3 Years	Ronald J. Punksa	767
School Committee	3 Years	Janice M. Davis	521
	3 Years	Janet R. Szych	753
Water Commissioner	3 Years	Christopher F. Miller	681
Water Commissioner	1 Year	Sandra D. Shields	715
Library Trustee	3 Years	Jane A. Scavotto	619
Elector under the will of Oliver Smith	1 Year	Henry P. Betsold	840

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 1997

ARTICLE 2	Voted \$200,000.00 for water pollution abatement facility projects; repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners.
ARTICLE 3	Voted \$2,225.59 to pay bills from a prior fiscal year as follows:
ARTICLE 4	Voted \$38,000.00 for the removal and replacement of fuel storage tanks at the Highway garage.
ARTICLE 5	Voted \$5,000.00 for legal and other expenses to be incurred in the redemption and foreclosure of tax titles.
ARTICLE 6	Voted \$4,000.00 for the purchase of software to support the Town's accounting function.
ARTICLE 7	Voted \$30,000.00 for the operation and maintenance of the Hatfield Sewer Department.
ARTICLE 8	Voted \$15,000.00 for the redevelopment of the Omasta Well.
	Respectfully submitted,
	G. Louise Slysz, Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

In Account with the Town of Hatfield

July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997

Cash Book Balance July 1, 1996

2,054,702.11

Receipts

July-96	1,462,215.17
August	1,274,257.35
September	1,375,185.59
October	1,434,703.18
November	2,136,412.11
December	1,079,816.35
January-97	543,380.28
February	299,175.66
March	384,517.89
April	1,016,904.93
May	3,240,561.28
June	3,067,449.91

TOTAL RECEIPTS

17,314,579.70

19,369,281.81

Disbursements

July-96	1,168,683.81
August	1,405,337.08
September	1,790,798.48
October	745,079.94
November	1,383,807.54
December	608,428.07
January-97	836,975.95
February	700,967.96
March	719,732.16
April	3,003,214.07
May	406,881.91
June	3,394,134.14

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

16,164,041.11

Cash Book Balance June 30, 1997

3,205,240.70

19,369,281.81

ANALYSIS OF CASH
June 30, 1997

General Cash		2,602,262.10
Trust Funds		
Ambulance	32,375.30	
Anniversary Trust	3,057.16	
Boli, Maude Morton	46,745.19	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	57,662.36	
Graduation Trust Fund	61,377.65	
Slysz, Michael R. N. R. Fund	7,100.30	
Smith Academy Student Activities	28,467.25	
Stabilization Fund	306,537.49	
Tobacco Shed Maintenance Trust	10,027.11	
Unemployment Fund	20,097.95	
Workmen's Compensation	29,530.84	
Total Trust Fund		602,978.60
Total Cash		3,205,240.70

INTEREST INCOME
Fiscal Year 1997

General Cash		161,301.81
Trust Funds		
Ambulance	1,461.48	
Anniversary Trust	157.17	
Boli, Maude Morton	2,606.29	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	3,031.57	
Graduation Award	3,407.95	
Slysz, Michael R.	365.06	
Smith Academy Student Activities Account	1,060.88	
Stabilization Fund	15,759.80	
Tobacco Shed Maintenance Trust	27.11	
Unemployment Fund	1,044.94	
Workmen's Compensation Insurance Trust Fund	79.84	29,002.09
TOTAL INTEREST INCOME		190,303.90

TRUST FUNDS**Ambulance Fund**

Balance June 30, 1997		32,375.30
Balance July 1, 1996	25,753.82	
Deposits	5,160.00	
Withdrawals		
Interest	1,461.48	
	32,375.30	32,375.30

Anniversary Trust

Balance, June 30, 1997		3,057.16
Balance July 1, 1996	2,899.99	
Interest	157.17	
	3,057.16	3,057.16

Maude Morton Boli Alumna Fund

Balance, June 30, 1997		46,745.19
Balance July 1, 1996	49,189.90	
Withdrawals	5,051.00	
Interest	2,606.29	
	46,745.19	46,745.19
Non-expendable balance	42,947.58	

Cemetery Perpetual Care

Balance, June 30, 1997		57,762.36
Balance July 1, 1996	57,462.36	
Deposits	200.00	
	57,662.36	57,662.36
In account with the Town of Hatfield	57,662.36	
In account with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts	300.00	
New Perpetual Care Accounts Guillemette, Doris	200.00	

Graduation Awards

Balance June 30, 1997		61,377.65
Balance July 1, 1996	56,858.60	
Deposits	3,520.88	
Interest	3,407.95	
Disbursements	2,409.78	
		61,377.65
		61,377.65
Non-expendable Trust Balance		
Adams, John and Christine	1,000.00	
Bell, Tyler Scott	1,000.00	
Boyle, Martha Pelissier	2,135.00	
Class of 1976	300.00	
Class of 1977	471.64	
Class of 1986	1,180.13	
Cutter, Carol	5,706.00	
Demers, Brenda	905.44	
Denn, Maureen	1,856.37	
Hatfield Fyfe & Drum Corp	500.00	
Hatfield Soccer Association	1,757.72	
Hillard, Stephen	1,001.00	
Kochan, Frank	1,165.00	
Lesukoski, John	1,000.00	
Lions Club	15,297.31	
Mokrecki, Sophie	1,000.00	
Novak, Suzanne	995.00	
Osley, Brenda	1,889.88	
Potyrala, Edward	1,740.00	
Ryan, Robert	5,400.00	
Skarzynski, John	1,000.00	
Smiarowski, Teddy	1,425.00	
Women's Club of the Holy Trinity Church	525.00	
Zembiski, Patricia	650.00	

Award	Balance July 1, 1996	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawals	Balance June 30, 1997
Adams, John & Christine	1,105.20		64.65	25.00	1,144.85
Bell, Tyler Scott	1,024.17	35.09	59.72	100.00	1,018.98
Boyle, Martha Pelissier	2,164.49		126.30	115.58	2,175.21
Class of 1976	323.80		18.94	15.00	327.74
Class of 1977	521.49		30.46	25.00	526.95
Class of 1986	1,282.39		74.97	35.00	1,322.36
Cutter, Carol	4,417.03	2,500.00	347.52		7,264.55
Demers, Brenda	979.95		57.17	50.00	987.12
Denn, Maureen	1,986.79		115.94	100.00	2,002.73
Hatfield Fyfe & Drum Corp	696.17		40.56	50.00	686.73
Hatfield Soccer Association	1,798.03		105.13	50.00	1,853.16
Hillard, Stephen	1,163.14		68.15		1,231.29
Kiwanis Club of Northampton	1,354.48		78.21	250.00	1,182.69
Kochan, Frank	1,328.65		77.63	50.00	1,356.28
Lesukoski, John	1,065.44		62.21	50.00	1,077.65
Lions Club	15,833.23		909.88	500.00	16,243.11
Mokrecki, Sophie	1,022.76	26.57	59.63	90.00	1,018.96
Novak, Suzanne	1,094.46		63.91	50.00	1,108.37
Osley, Brenda	1,998.70		116.65	100.00	2,015.35
Potyrala, Edward	1,859.64		108.73	50.00	1,918.37
Ryan, Robert	5,380.67	650.00	316.84	300.00	6,047.51
Skarzynski, John	1,013.87		59.16	54.20	1,018.83
Smiarowski, Teddy	1,419.33	49.22	83.27	100.00	1,451.82
Theberge, Peter	4,751.40	260.00	287.95	200.00	5,099.35
Women's Club	539.74		31.49	25.00	546.23
Zembiski, Patricia	733.58		42.88	25.00	751.46
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	56,858.60	3,520.88	3,407.95	2,409.78	61,377.65

Michael R. Slyszyk Memorial Fund

Balance June 30, 1997		7,100.30
Balance July 1, 1996	6,735.24	
Interest	365.06	
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Non-expendable trust balance	7,100.30	7,100.30

Smith Academy Student Activities Account

Balance June 30, 1997		28,467.25
Opening Balance October 1, 1996	33,833.69	
Deposits	53,851.82	
Withdrawals	60,279.14	
Interest	1,060.88	
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	28,467.25	28,467.25

Stabilization Fund

Balance June 30, 1997		
Balance July 1, 1996	290,777.69	
Interest	15,759.80	
	306,537.49	306,537.49

Tobacco Shed Maintenance Trust

Balance June 30, 1997		10,027.11
Opening Balance June 10, 1997	10,000.00	
Interest	27.11	
	10,027.11	10,027.11

Unemployment Fund

Balance June 30, 1997		20,097.95
Balance July 1, 1996	20,219.85	
Interest	1,044.94	
Withdrawals	1,166.84	
	20,097.95	20,097.95

Workers' Compensation Insurance Trust Fund

Balance June 30, 1997		29,530.84
Opening Balance June 10, 1997	29,451.00	
Interest	79.84	
	29,530.84	29,530.84

TAX TITLE ACCOUNTS

Assessed Owner Map/Lot	Balance July 1, 1996	Subsequent taxes	Payment Tax Title	Add'l Interest	Balance June 30, 1997
Diggins, John & Marion	9,099.19	1,986.60			11,085.79
Dulaski, Robert		2,071.86	2,071.86	93.72	-
Holich, Estate of John	19,124.65	2,672.35			21,797.00
Lavallee, Ronald & Deborah	18,516.46	3,104.19			21,620.65
Lee, Walter A.	1,721.09	171.79			1,892.88
Lorys, Catherine	260.37	103.11			363.48
*Maslanka, Frank	1,098.96	40.48			1,139.44
Owners Unknown - 8 parcels	23,421.31	5,752.98			29,174.29
Skarzynski, Estate of John		5,312.88	417.26		4,895.62
Skarzynski, Estate of John		1,560.66	478.02	21.98	1,082.64
Stratton, Deborah	6,585.03				6,585.03
Thompson Ralph R.	2,677.36	222.60			2,899.96
	<hr/> 82,504.42	<hr/> 22,999.50	<hr/> 2,967.14	<hr/> 1,234.37	<hr/> 102,536.78

*Foreclosed, pending auction

Please note that since June 30, 1997, the following transactions have occurred on the tax title accounts. One owner unknown parcel has been disclaimed by the Board of Assessors and reassessed. The 2 parcels assessed to the estate of John Skarzynski and the parcel of Ralph R. Thompson have been redeemed. Aggressive measures are being taken to collect all tax title accounts. However, such matters as bankruptcy and mortgages affect the steps that can be taken. Land court proceedings are beginning for all parcels eligible for that action.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Louise Slys
Treasurer

**WAGE REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 1997**

The following is a listing of the employees paid through the Town of Hatfield during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997. Some wages were funded under Federal and State grants.

Abarno, Frank E.	50,812.50	Principal - H.S.
Abrahamson, Barbara A.	5,805.80	Secretary - School
Adamski, Nikolas Jan	233.00	Fireman
Albino, Susan	42,932.00	Speech Therapist
Altman, William	135.00	Substitute
Archambault, Lisa A.	20.00	Recreation
Baker, Douglass R.	587.16	Fireman
	335.52	EMT
Balise, Margaret M.	10,725.00	Food Service - School
Banas, Laurie J.	605.80	EMT
Baranoski, Kathleen L.	167.00	Chaperone
Barbuto, Rocco	3,060.00	Baseball Coach
Bardwell, A. Cory	4,000.00	Board of Health
Bardwell, Helen H.	405.13	Registrar of Voters
Bardwell, Jonathan	679.60	Fireman
Barry, Garrett	177.08	Fireman
Barsh, Gerald M. Jr.	968.00	Summer Highway
Barstow, Matthew C.	1,607.70	Police
	184.00	Private Duty
Beauregard, Kathleen A.	9,576.87	SPED Aide
Belden, Arthur W.	190.00	C.O.A. Driver
Belden, Richard D.	87.48	Landfill Substitute
Belden, William A.	1,699.76	Fireman
Berniche, Thomas F.	820.00	Water Commissioner
Betsold, Brian	60.00	Recreation
Betsold, Henry P.	25.00	Elector, Oliver Smith Will
Betsold, Jane M.	17,863.98	Council on Aging Director/Driver
Bonk, Frank H.	7,127.60	Town Hall Custodian
Boyer, Joan B.	10.00	Election Worker
Boyle, William F.	93.20	Policeman
	287.50	Private Duty
Breen-Pomeroy, Susan	139.80	EMT
Broussard, Malcolm	773.56	Fireman
Brown, Brian	80.00	Substitute
Brunelle, Renee B.	1,500.00	Substitute
Burgess, Mary L.	31,044.00	Administrative Assistant
Burke, Susan C.	1,448.32	Speech Aide
Burrington, Richard E.	450.00	Veterans' Agent
Bybee, Krista	19,497.96	Assessors' Secretary
Cadran, Michael	32,754.10	Teacher
Cahill, J. Michael	2,254.33	Selectman
Campbell, Norman C.	1,450.00	Tree Warden
Canton, David	167.00	Chaperone
Celatka, Frances F.	72.50	Election Worker
Celatka, Theodore, Jr.	4,094.04	Ambulance Manager
Chagnon, Robert M.	90.00	Substitute
Chase, Anne	21,667.50	Dir. Spec. Ed.
Chase, Gregson F.	167.76	Fireman
Chmura, Catherine	260.00	Substitute

Ciaglo, Alfred J. Jr.	1,911.00	Coach
Cimino, Thomas	5,416.67	Superintendent of Schools
Ciszewski, Alexander W.	4,190.00	Assessor
Clark, Kathleen K.	36,118.00	Teacher
Conant, Sally	7,011.63	Teachers' Aide
Corliss, Donna D.	12,731.30	School Nurse
Courtemanche, Denise	167.00	Chaperone
Couture, Brenda G.	39.12	Substitute Secretary
Crepeau, James	1,155.68	Fireman
	1,220.92	EMT
Czerniak, Karen A.	32,510.76	Teacher
Daughton, Tom	8,449.00	Psychologist
Demski, Lauren H.	1,320.00	Coach
Denisiewicz, Maxine	36,463.55	Teacher
Desmond, Giles	50.00	ZBA
Devlin, James A.	39,486.00	Teacher
Debrindisi, Greg A.	1,248.88	Fireman
Diklich, Davor	1,143.00	Advisor
Dostal, Eileen J.	11,065.94	SPED Aide
Dube, Jeremy	352.00	Highway - Summer
Dunphy, Michael P.	27,443.00	Teacher
Dyer, John	171.55	Asst. Gas Inspector
Dysinger, Helen	270.00	Substitute
Dzialo, Frederick J.	820.00	Sewer Commissioner
Easley, Cathy D.	39,628.39	Teacher
Eddy, Shannon M.	9.32	EMT
Englehardt, Catherine	80.00	Substitute
Erikson, Stephen C.	36,785.00	Teacher
Faszczka, Patricia A.	27.50	Election Worker
Filipek, Anne B.	20.00	Election Worker
Flavin, Katherine A.	5,170.40	School Secretary
Folts, Janice B.	10,300.49	SPED Aide
Frenette, Mark W.	964.71	Substitute
Frieswyk, Emily A.	500.00	Summer School
Frieswyk, Margaret	19,760.76	Early Childhood Coord.
Gagnon, Gregory	734.99	EMT
Gagnon, James O.	54.85	EMT
Gaudette, Roland F.	3,162.00	Coach
Gaughan, Kerry	226.31	Clerical sub.
Gaughan, Stephen P.	1,971.28	Summer Janitor
	1,174.32	Fireman
	475.32	EMT
Geryk, Walter	4,700.00	Plumbing & Gas Inspector
Gillespie, Anthony	820.00	Sewer Commissioner
Giroux, Patricia	6,919.22	School Lunch
Glenowicz, Josephine B.	172.50	Election Worker
Godek, Kathleen A.	32.50	Election Worker
Golash, Susan E.	7,785.77	Senior Clerk
Goll, Barbara	5,195.25	Dining Director - COA
Grossman, E. Lary	300.00	Planning Board
	241.60	Selectman
Guyon, Andrea L.	684.07	Teacher's Aide
Hayward, Leondrea	160.00	Substitute
Hendrickson, Lari Jo	1,828.77	Library Asst.
Herfurth, Robert	496.26	Driver

Hoey, Laura L.	28,801.20	Preschool Teacher
Hoffman, Christopher J.	2,530.00	Highway - Summer
	121.00	Water - Summer
	1,545.00	Substitute
	7,821.00	School Lunch
Holhut, Louise E.	922.68	Police
Holhut, Michael P.	684.25	Private Duty
	38,802.00	Teacher
Hopkins, Giles S.	733.76	Fireman
Houle, Timothy M.	20,508.56	Town Secretary
Hudock, Teresa M.	16,647.00	Police Chief
Hurley, David M.	2,666.50	Selectman
Hurley, Thomas J.	39,288.00	SPED Teacher
Ingram, Sarah A.	1,239.56	Fireman
Jackewich, Timothy	485.00	Recreation
Jagodzinski, David F.	38,934.00	Teacher
Jepson, Dorcus	9,939.99	SPED Aide
Jewczyn-Kaiser, Olga	2,007.50	Highway - Summer
Johnson, Scott A.	50.00	ZBA
Kabat, Thaddeus	39,826.67	Teacher
Keir, David R.	34,058.00	Teacher
Kellogg, Ruth	27,028.00	School Secretary
Kempisty, Brenda	9,933.84	Landfill asst.
Kempisty, Edward S.	36,118.00	Teacher
Klaes, Patricia D.	28,674.70	Highway
Klepacki, James G.	2,153.00	V. Softball Coach
Koczajowski, Donna L.	21,294.24	Teacher
Koh, Dawn S.	37,742.76	Teacher
Korza, Diane M.	1,120.00	Sewer Commissioner
Korza, William	27,314.72	Highway
Korza, William	294.38	Water Commissioner
	45.00	Substitute
Kubicz, David	340.00	Substitute
Kuchyt, Melinda J.	840.36	Board of Registrars
Kuchyt, Ruth	4,400.15	Town Secretary
	172.50	Election Worker
Kugler, Frances A.	27,171.14	School Janitor
Kukucka, Paul W.	10,567.90	Substitute
Kwiecinski, Cynthia L.	80.00	Substitute
Kwiecinski, James P.	128.45	Asst. Plumbing Inspector
Labbe, Rene	500.00	Summer School
Lampiasi, Kellyanne	18,551.10	Janitor
Lampron, Bernard C.	2,980.80	COA Van Driver
Lapienski, Marion	2,930.00	Substitute
Larareo, Maureen M.	65.24	Fireman
Lavallee, James A.	27,478.26	Highway
Lavallee, James A.	30.00	Election Worker
Lavallee, Pearl G.	245.83	Driver
Leslie, Jeannette L.	167.00	Chaperone
Liebenow, David	300.00	Electrical Inspector
Lizek, David M.	160.00	Substitute
Lyman, Keith R.	39,236.38	Guidance Counselor
Lyons, Donna M.	4,425.49	School Lunch
Maciorowski, Stafia	117.50	Election Worker
Maiewski, Shirley S.	83.50	Chaperone
Majewski, John		

Maksimoski, Laura E.	97.50	Election Worker
Martula, A. Maureen	34,255.00	Teacher
McBroom, Richard A.	1,191.23	EMT
McGee, Thomas J., Jr.	500.00	Substitute
McGlew, Edwin N. III	1,381.12	Fireman
McGrath, Brian D.	32,174.68	Asst. Plant Operator
	90.85	Highway
Mew, Allison L.	445.00	Recreation
Milewski, Linda C.	207.63	School Lunch
Miller, Christopher F.	35,522.16	Highway Superintendent
	1,120.00	Water Commissioner
Miller, Robert F.	13,282.00	Town Accountant
Molloy, Edward D.	300.00	Planning Board
Moriarty, Margaret L.	1,235.00	COA Driver
	878.80	Library Maint.
Motyka, Frank L., Jr.	39,270.40	Sewer Plant Operator
	199.87	Highway
Muellejans, Julie	18,517.00	Art Teacher
Myers, Barbara	2,555.22	School Lunch Sub.
Nicholas, Bryan O.	50.00	ZBA
Nietsche, Judith R.	7,730.64	SPED Aide
Noyes, Worth	1,593.72	EMT
	820.16	Fire
O'Brien, Theresa A.	198.01	School Lunch Sub,
Ober, Mark A.	382.12	Fireman
	242.32	EMT
Olson, Gary R.	209.07	Driver - School
Omasta, David	67.24	Water Commissioner
Osborn, Mark	40.00	Substitute
Osborn, Whitney M.	308.00	Recreation
Osepowicz, Robert J.	4,913.00	Fire Chief
	500.00	Civil Defense
Osley, Mildred Z.	379.66	Registrar of Voters
Osley, Mollie B.	2,482.00	Coach
Osley, Thomas J.	24,824.60	Police
	2,985.87	Private Duty
Ouimet Richard	1,320.00	Coach
Parsons, Lynn-Ann	10,398.36	School Secretary
	510.40	Water Comm. Secretary
Pashek, William E.	3,000.00	Board of Health
Paye, Beverly J.	10,615.45	Town Secretary
Pease, Jane	7,132.38	School Lunch
Pease, John T.	1,820.92	Fireman
Pelis, Cessie	624.44	EMT
Pelis, Robert	3,162.00	Coach
Petcen, Barbara	893.19	School Lunch Director/School Secretary
Petcen, Marcella	50.00	Election Worker
Phaneuf, Thomas	23,525.00	School Janitor
	2,968.37	School Driver
Phelps, Cynthia G.	39,279.00	School Librarian
Phelps, Rebecca H.	32,598.01	Teacher - Music
Phelps, Tara J.	20,432.44	Teacher
Plourde, Laurie	3,699.03	Library Aide
Podmayer, Ethel M.	335.34	COA Driver
Podmayer, William	10,060.20	Landfill Operator

Pomeroy, Scott	2,310.17	COA Driver
Porada, Joanne	428.72	Fireman
Poulsen, Bruce C.	22,661.00	Town Collector
Proulx, Rhonda	17,270.10	School Psychologist
Prucnal, Evelyn Hahn	2,472.50	Substitute
	883.50	Library - Sub
	267.32	Sub-Secretary
Punsko, Joseph	242.00	Highway - Summer
Punsko, Ronald J.	3,709.57	Assessor
Rankin, John C.	3,126.79	COA Driver
Reed, William P.	85.00	Substitute
Roberts, Wanda M.	3,514.17	Assistant Assessor
Rogaleski, Barrett	186.40	Fire
	466.00	EMT
	568.52	Fireman
Rogers, Tracey	35,852.00	Teacher
Roussell, Deborah M.	29,980.88	Teacher
Ryan, Judith	33,403.00	Teacher
Sadoski, Richard	16,000.00	Inspector of Buildings
Sadowski, Stanley	1,059.96	Fireman
Sadowski, Thomas E., Jr.	32,394.22	Teacher
Sarage, Linda M.	157.50	Substitute
Scanlan, Hillary	37,933.91	Teacher
Schott, John	2,054.25	Highway - Summer
Schriber, Jeremy J.	531.24	Policeman
Scott, William T.	25,263.00	Teacher
Shapiro, Theodore B.	93.20	Fireman
Shea, Richard D.	9.32	EMT
	200.00	Chaperone
Shea, Robert Jr.	500.00	Inspector of Animals
Shea, William J.	91.09	Water Commissioner
Shields, Sandra	40.00	Substitute
Shifflett, Kristen R.	36,249.65	Teacher
Siegel, Lois	30.00	Election Worker
Sikorski, Helen	550.00	Substitute
Skelton, Russell R.	3,000.00	Board of Health
Sliwoski, Stanley F.	11,830.00	Town Clerk
Slysz, G. Louise	20,085.00	Treasurer
	100.00	Clerk, Board of Registrars
Smiarowski, Bernard A.	1,320.00	Coach
Smith, Christopher G.	4,536.68	Assessor
Smith, Elizabeth S.	10,497.74	SPED Aide
Smith, Geraldine	49,451.00	Principal
Sokop, Judy	180.00	Substitute
Stahelek, Nancy	17,390.00	Teacher
Stenglein, Barbara M.	41,346.55	Teacher
Stiles, Michael	1,216.26	Police Officer
	62.91	Private Duty
Strong, Richard H.	180.00	Chaperone
Strong, Teresa M.	5,535.34	School Lunch
Sullivan, Kevin	40.00	Substitute
Sussbauer, Erik	270.00	Substitute
Symanski, Stanley L.	4,000.00	Electrical Inspector
Szewczyk, Stanley F.	500.00	Asst. Building Inspector
Szych, John F.	301.32	Landfill Substitute
Szych, Joseph A.	87.48	Landfill Substitute

Szynal, James Jr.	10,417.57	Vehicle Maint. Manager
Tarr, Betsy	921.50	Meals Driver
Tefft, Robert	200.01	Animal Control Officer
Tessier, Cynthia	37,910.00	Teacher
Tetrault, Harriet	2,665.00	Substitute
Traks, Mary	72.00	Substitute Secretary
Tudrym, Pamela M.	13,089.60	School Secretary
Vaughan, Valerie	13,000.00	Librarian
Vey, John P.	3,504.32	Police
	890.00	Private Duty
Vollinger, Donald E.	31,755.34	Water Department
Vollinger, Linda	9,743.48	Pre-School Aide
Warchol, John A.	37,949.00	Teacher
Warner, Daniel A.	4,835.34	Police
	2,241.08	Private Duty
Webb, Sherry A.	35,237.06	Teacher
Weeks, Gregory	29,070.72	Police/DARE
	167.76	Private Duty
	93.20	EMT
Wendlowski, Joseph J.	27,314.69	Highway
Westcott, Peggy A.	29,035.16	Teacher
Wickles, Patrick	220.00	Water - Sewer - Summer
Widelo, Christopher	80.00	Substitute
Wilkes, Aaron	40.00	Recreation
Williams, Darryl	205.04	EMT
Williams, Jordan A.	2,253.75	Summer Custodian
Williams, Suzanne	9,717.18	Aide
Wolejko, Alan E.	38,149.00	Teacher
Wolejko, Diane	38,263.00	Teacher
Woodward, Gordon A. Jr.	80.00	Moderator
Worsnop, Paul R.	9.32	Fireman
Wright, Susan M.	37,670.00	Teacher
Wroblewski, Edward W.	22,458.58	Water Superintendent
Yagodzinski, Christine	39,222.00	Teacher
Yanginski, Kurt E.	577.84	Fireman
Yarrows, Leonard A.	57,943.00	Interim Superintendent
Zabka, Nancy	38,042.76	Teacher
Zembiski, Joseph	1,041.75	COA Driver
Zerner, Justin K.	482.00	Recreation
Zerner, Karen Z.	337.50	Substitute
Zerner, Matthew	10.00	Recreation
Zgrodnik, George G., Jr.	2,175.00	Selectman
Zgrodnik, Josephine	5,671.50	Library Substitute
Zokowski, Marjorie S.	147.50	Election Worker
Zygmont, Glenn A.	405.00	Substitute

\$2,751,835.25

Respectfully submitted,

G. Louise Slysz, Treasurer

SEWER COMMISSION

To the Residents of Hatfield,

The Wastewater Treatment Plant and 4 pump stations are now 10 years old. Although maintenance of these facilities has increased, they continue to run 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with no major problems.

In April we were notified that Chicopee Land Fill would no longer accept our sludge. With assistance from The Board of Health, we requested that the Northampton Landfill become available as a disposal site for sludge generated at the Hatfield Wastewater Treatment Facility. The Northampton Board of Health approved this request and are accepting sludge from Hatfield.

The Sewer Commission applied for a grant with Western Massachusetts Electric to install variable frequency drives at the Maple Street pump station. This project qualified for a grant of \$11,500, as it will save about 117,500 kwh annually. This work will be done in the spring of 1998.

We would like to thank the voters of Hatfield for approving the Bridge Street - Gore Avenue loop sewer project at the

April 24th Special Town Meeting. Construction will begin in early 1998.

The sewer tie-in fee was waived on King Street and North Hatfield Road from May - November as an incentive to hook-up to the sewer. Thirty-three households took advantage of this policy and hooked up to the sewer. Eleven households chose not to participate.

In calendar year 1997 the Wastewater Treatment Plant processed 64,21400 gallons of sewage with and additional 192,350 gallons being delivered to the plant from septic tanks in areas of town where no collection system exist. A total of 180 tons of sludge was generated in the process.

The Sewer Commission wishes to thank the Highway Department & Board of Health for their assistance and cooperation when it was needed during the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Korza, Chairman
Frederick Dzialo
Anthony Gillespie

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

During calendar year 1997, the Zoning Board of Appeals met for nine regularly scheduled meetings and three special meetings. The Board also heard the following appeals:

- Stanley H. Jakobowski, Administrator of the Estate of Helen M. Otis, for a variance from frontage requirements to permit the construction of a single family home on a 20.571 acre parcel having no (0') on a public way. The appeal was subsequently withdrawn without prejudice.
- To allow construction of an extension to an existing storage shed closer to a lot line than is permitted by Gregory E. & Maureen S. Weeks, at 19 Plantation Road. The variance was approved.
- Martha Armstrong and Alan Armstrong of 126 Elm Street from the failure or refusal of the Building Inspector to respond or to issue a cease

and desist order against Duseau Waste Industries, Inc. at 129 Elm Street. The hearing was closed on December 3, 1997 and the matter was carried to the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting on January 7, 1998.

Several informal inquiries were made by property owners. The parties were referred to the Building Inspector or the Planning Board for appropriate action.

The Zoning Board of Appeals holds regular meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at Memorial Town Hall, except during July and August. The Board held public hearings for appeals as required.

Respectfully submitted,

Thaddeus L. Kabat, Chairman
Giles F. Desmond, Member
Bryan Nicholas, Clerk
Larry Stoddard, Alternate
Kenneth R. Balise, Alternate

INSPECTION SERVICES

To The Residents of Hatfield:

The Inspections Department is pleased to submit their annual report for 1997.

Building Inspector's Office Hours are Monday and Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in Memorial Town Hall my phone number is 247-0491.

Building permits were issued for the following in 1997:

Single Family Dwellings	3
Multi Family Dwellings	2
Commercial Buildings	1
Residential Renovations	79
Non-Residential Renovations	15
Communications Tower	1
Municipal Buildings Renovations	3
Roofs	39
Signs	3
Wood Stoves/Chimney's	7
Garages	2
Sheds	14
Demolitions	3
Barns	2
Decks, porches	12
Handicap Ramps	5
Pools	5
Annual Inspection	1
Miscellaneous	12
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	209
Total estimated value of Building Permits	\$3,380,726.00

A permit is required for any, and all work on Electrical, Plumbing and Gas and must be inspected by our local inspector. Permit applications may be obtained at Memorial Town Hall.

Mr. Stanley Symanski Jr., Electrical Inspector, reports the following:

Applications for permit to do electrical work for 1997 60

Mr. Walter Geryk, Plumbing and Gas Inspector, reports the following:

Applications for permit to do Plumbing work for 1997 35

Applications for permit to do Gas work for 1997 24

Respectfully Submitted,

Stanley Sadowski
Building Commissioner/
Zoning Enforcement Officer

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The objective of this report is to give you some insight as to what your tax dollars are doing for the town in regards to the yearly maintenance done to the some 57 miles of paved and dirt roads. I would like to give you a short summary as to some of the activities that went on in this fiscal year.

The winter of 96 and 97 was not as bad as previous ones but it had its share of bad storms. The first and last storms seem to stick out in my The main reason being there was quite a bit of damage done in the way of downed power lines and trees because of the heavy wet snow. Some roads were closed for a couple of days until the debris was cleaned up. Who needs snow in April? The crew stayed with the storms as best we could to keep the roads safe for residents and emergency vehicles.

Saying good bye to winter means saying hello to the spring clean up. This started with first going around and cleaning up the excess branches that would hinder our sweeping process once this was completed the spring sweeping began. Your crew unlike other surrounding towns gives an extra effort when cleaning the winter sand from our streets. Not only do we sweep from curb line to curb we also go approx. 6' on every resident's lawns to ensure us of getting all the sand. Although this is very time consuming I think in the long run it's a good idea for if we don't sweep it up it will later hinder the functions of the drainage system and basins. I think most residents will agree the town looks very clean once the sweeping is completed.

Once the sweeping is completed projects that have come to our attention are started. Several drainage basins were in need of repair because of the OLD AGE SYNDROME; basins after years of cars and trucks pounding over them eventually deteriorate making in some cases a sinkhole. Several situations like this were repaired through out the town. Linseed Road, Pantry Road for example.

The summer brought a few of its own surprises; once again Mother Nature was not so kind to us. Two major windstorms came through knocking down trees in several sections of town. This kept the crew busy cleaning up trees and branches for a couple of weeks. Besides tending to the unexpected tasks the crew did some planned projects as well. Ditches were cleaned out in a few different locations such as Cronin Hill Road, Old Farms. This summer the crew paid special attention to the over grown brush on the farm roads, several weeks were spent cutting back small trees and briars in order to allow the farm vehicles to pass freely. While doing these planned projects the crew was still tending to normal business such as the mowing of all the road sides, the athletic fields and all the town owned property such as the Town Hall and the Public Library. These are a few of the expected and unexpected tasks that kept your crew busy this summer.

Hopefully most of you town residents noticed the improvements done to Main Street and Elm Street. These are projects of a larger scale. Projects like this State Aid money we call Chapter 90 Money was used. To describe what was done there, we milled off approx. 1.5" of the old worn out blacktop and put back approx. 2", this type of maintenance will extend the life of the road. The material that was milled off will be later used when mixed with another material.

Lastly we would like to say good luck to Donald Vollinger who went to the Towns Water dept. and welcome to Jim Szynal the new Vehicle Maintenance Director. Also the invitation still stands to anyone who has a complaint or complement to come up to the Town Garage and express it.

Sincerely

Chris Miller
Highway Superintendent

WATER COMMISSIONER

This was the year that the water dept was waiting for. This Spring the water dept put on line the new water filtration facility. In following the safe water drinking act the town was mandated to filter our service water supply so consequently we built a 1MGD capacity filter plant to filter the running gutter brook reservoir. This plant not only can filter 1 million gallons a day but also has 500,000-gallon clearwell bumping the town's storage from 500,000 to a 1,000,000 gallons; this gives the town a little more fire protection. Also with the new facility comes with two backup generators which enables us to get water to the residents if in event of a power outage. For the most part the plant is running fine but like in the construction of something new there is always lies a few problems and kinks, but all were resolved relatively easily. The water dept had an open house in the early summer and had a good turn out. The water dept staff and commissioners were present to answer any questions.

As the dept, tries to do every year we replaced a few of our 100 year old hydrants with the state of the art model either a Smith or a Kennedy. In addition to the hydrant work we also put in several services through out the town.

Seeing that the plant went on line in the early spring the D.E.P. decided that this would be a good time to make a thorough inspection of both the plant and the system itself. At the end of the inspection the D.E.P. was very pleased with the operation of the plant as well as the system.

The D.E.P. gave us a waiver on test for lead and copper till 1999 this means a savings to the town and we won't be around with those little milk jugs for a couple of years.

The water dept. would like to say good bye and thanks for the continued effort to Bill Korza who resigned from the commission. In his replacement Sandy Shields was elected in May to the board and has helped a great deal. Also the commission hired a full time secondary operator, welcome a board to Donald Vollinger.

The dept would like to extend to the residents the invitation to express any concerns or problems they may have with water or any thing to do with the dept.

Respectfully Submitted

The Board of Water Commissioners

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Residents of Hatfield:

During 1997, the Conservation Commission held 9 public meetings and hearings responding to 8 applications for activities in or near wetlands. These applications dealt with sewer construction in Bridge St., the landfill closure, the construction and single and multi-family dwellings, and the placement of fill or structures in floodplains, and herbicide treatment of roadside vegetation and street drainage improvement. All applications were approved, but special conditions or modifications were required that better protected the wetlands of Hatfield. The Commission also initiated enforcement proceedings on three properties where actions were undertaken without proper approvals.

The Commission additionally provided technical support to several other Town Boards including the Board of Selectmen regarding applications and litigation not directly before the Commission.

This year witnessed the implementation of the final River's Protection Bill regulations and the DEP storm water guidelines, which expanded the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the Commission as well as the responsibilities for applicants. The Riverfront Zone extends 200 feet from the banks of all perma-

nently flowing streams and brooks. All new or modified activities within this zone require approval by the Conservation Commission. The Town residents and businesses are encouraged to contact the Commission if they have any questions regarding their existing or proposed actions in this newly designated resource area.

The wetland and floodplain resources in Hatfield are extensive and generally of extremely high quality. These areas are critical to flood control, drinking water supply, surface water quality, and wildlife and aquatic habitat. The Commission wishes to thank the citizens of Hatfield for their support during the year and compliance with the regulations of the Wetlands Protection Act.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul G. Davis, Chair
A. Cory Bardwell
Christopher Brennan, Secretary
Thaddeus Kabat
Virginia Orson
Stanley Sliwoski
Gordon Williams

WESTERN VALLEY WATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

To the Residents of Hatfield:

The Western Valley Water Protection Committee (WVWPC) is a tri-town committee, which includes Whately, Northampton, and Hatfield. The Committee was initiated under a compact in 1991 between the three communities and the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) and the Franklin County Commissioners. The purpose of this regional compact is to foster joint and cooperative action concerning growth and development within these water supply areas to protect water quality. The WVWPC meets as needed to review development projects within the regional aquifer protection district and to make recommendations to the Planning Board relative to the proposed activities.

A grant program, funded through the Department of Environmental Protection and developed with PVPC to address water quality within the Mill River watershed, entered the phase of replacing several defective septic systems within Town during

1997. These septic system renovations will be completed during 1998. Baseline water quality monitoring at several nearby sites was initiated this past year. Recommendations for Town policies, regulations, and/or bylaws will be finalized during 1998 to address water quality concerns and to help ensure the protection of our Town's drinking water.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul G. Davis, Chair (Hatfield)
Sally Klingenger, Vice Chair (Whately)
A. Cory Bardwell, Hatfield
Paula Jenkins, Whately
Paulette Kuzdeba, Northampton
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
Peter McNulty, Northampton
Robert Osepowicz, Hatfield
Chris Miller, Hatfield
Franklin County Commissioners

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health has had another especially busy year enforcing State & Local health rules to the benefit of the Town citizens.

The Board has been very busy with many-failed septic systems town wide. We have secured a Septic Management Program Grant to help residents correct their septic system problems. This Septic Management Program Grant will help homeowners finance the cost of repairing or replacing their failed septic system at a low cost loan program through the betterment process. If you would like to find out if you qualify kindly contact the local Board of Health for further information. The Board has also worked with the Mill River Water Shed Advisory Committee helping residents in the area of the Mill River to bring their septic systems up to Title V compliance. This Board has spent numerous, unlimited hours on West Street with many septic system problems. The Board will be suggesting to the Sewer Commissioners to begin planning to extend the Towns sewer system to West Street. This area is a very sensitive area considering most of it is in the Water Protection District, which could pose a significant threat to the water quality of Hatfield.

We strive to keep the waters of Hatfield clean and healthy.

The Board has also been very busy with the capping of the Towns landfill, as many of you may have noticed. We are estimating the final completion to be done in June 1998. We do apologize for any inconvenience this construction may have caused anyone, but things should run a lot smoother now.

The Board of Health has a hot line set up through E-Call for anyone who is interested in obtaining information regarding the Town of Hatfield's Recycling Center at the Transfer Station. Calling 1-800-800-6881 may access this information.

The Board of Health meets the first and third Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Board of Health Office, Memorial Town Hall. Please feel free to stop by should you need our assistance. Should you have any comments, complaints or compliments please feel free to call our office at 247-0497.

The Board of Health issues permits and performs inspections for the following:

Commercial Haulers, Septic Haulers, Perc Test, Septic System Installations and Repairs, Well Installers, Common Victualler (food licenses), Motel License.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Cory Bardwell, Chairman
William E. Pashek, Clerk
Stanley Sliwoski, Member

HILLTOWN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative is a unique regional municipal organization created operated and funded by its eleven members Towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Hatfield, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington. **The HRMC's main goal is to continue to develop a first quality integrated recycling and waste management program for the region.** This year, for the fourth year in a row the HRMC will continue to be level funded. This year the HRMC will continue to plan and organize the following programs for the region:

- 1) Monitor area recycling and waste management programs to make sure we are all recycling as much as we can!
- 2) Plan and operate the regional Hazardous Waste Collection Program in the months of September and October.
- 3) Plan and operate the regional Paint Recycling Collection in the months of September and October.
- 4) Coordinate the regional sales of compost bins throughout the year.
- 5) Provide recycling set out bins to all area schools and to area residents on an as needed basis throughout the year.

- 6) Provide outreach and education workshops and programs to HRMC area schools on an as needed basis.
- 7) Provide outreach and education workshops and programs to all HRMC communities on as needed basis.
- 8) Work with local officials to improve day to day operations, signage, and general information available at your Towns transfer station.
- 9) Work with local Boards and officials on new DEP grant programs as they arise, as well as advocate on behalf of the eleven member Towns to State Officials on state wide solid waste and recycling policies.
- 10) Create new programs to serve the Town needs as they arise.

Feel free to contact the HRMC anytime at (413) 268-3845 if you have any questions about these valuable programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Weiss - Administrator HRMC
January 1998

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

Under the Administration of the Department of Veterans Services, the Veterans Agent for the Town of Hatfield provides emergency financial and medical assistance to needy veterans and their dependants.

The Veterans Agent is also available to assist in matters of Federal VA compensation, benefits and all other services to veterans.

In the past year we have had only one veteran on the rolls for ordinary benefits. We have been able to help several veterans and their dependant in other areas of service related matters.

If all veterans in town would give a copy of their discharge or DD214 to the Veterans Agent to be kept on file, it would assist the agent to be of better service to dependants in the future.

The Veterans Agent may be contacted at 247-5308 regarding any questions.

Richard E. Burrington

Veterans Agent

COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Residents of Hatfield;

The Council on Aging continues to expand our services for the elder population through the difficult times we have encountered the past year. We are very fortunate to have over 60 volunteers to help with our programs and activities. Without these dedicated individuals many of our programs would not exist. With very limited funds we have been able to fulfill the needs of most elders in the community with continuous support from the volunteers and with grants we have applied for. We hope for this continued support in the future and the community support to help us serve the needs of those who need our assistance. We would like to thank all town departments and staff for the assistance and services they have provided us with this past year. A special thanks to our Town Maintenance Manager, Jim Szynal for keeping the COA van in great working order. This being our towns only public transportation for the elderly, it has been very important to do so, and he has been extremely helpful. Also, a special thanks to Police Chief David Hurley and Sgt. Tom Osley, for working with us and TRIAD to provide a safe environment for the elder community. The programs we have worked on together are so important to the well being and safety of elders living alone and have proved to be very effective. And last, but not least, thank you to Frank Bonk, who has worked hard to keep our facilities clean. Though it hasn't been easy at times, he always makes sure everything is shining.

Our Volunteer Program last year included 60 volunteers who provided over 4,026 hours of service to our many programs and activities. Their services are worth approximately \$28,742.00. We are very fortunate to have these truly dedicated people to help out when we need them. Each year a Volunteer Recognition is held in their honor at the Senior Center and the public is invited to attend. We thank the students from Smith Academy's In Service Club who volunteered their time helping with our Food Surplus Distribution each month.

The Council on Aging consists of 5 Board Members; our staff, Jane Betsold, COA Director; Barbara Goll, Dining Center Director; COA Van Drivers; Meals on Wheels Drivers; a Volunteer Coordinator/Assistant; and our volunteers. The Council on Aging and Senior Center are located downstairs in the Town Hall and are open Monday through Friday. We may be reached at 247-9003, and if there is no answer, please leave a message on the machine. Our meetings are held monthly at the Senior Center and dates and times are posted outside the Town Clerk's office. We encourage all elders to attend these meeting and welcome any suggestions, concerns or comments concerning the Council on Aging or Nutrition Programs. We attend local and regional meetings with other agencies to update our resources and expand on new programs available to us.

Our newsletter is published quarterly and distributed with the TRIAD newsletter. These are mailed to each town resident over 60 years of age. Copies are available at the Senior Center and Town Hall for anyone else interested. We have available free flyers and pamphlets outside the Senior Center concerning different topics. There are also available inside the Center, a variety of books people have donated to us to loan out. Senior activities and sign up sheets are located inside the Senior Center on the bulletin board.

We have applied for and received grants from Highland Valley Elder Services, to fund our Nutrition Program, our Newsletter and Dues. Also, two grants from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to supplement the Director's salary for programs and meetings, to provide a Volunteer Recognition, and to establish new programs; the other an Incentive Grant to provide a 5 hour per week Volunteer Coordinator/Assistant for the Council on Aging. We received funding from the Hatfield Book Club to purchase new table coverings for our Dining Center. Supplies were donated from Gemini Ceramic Studio in Hatfield which were used as door prizes for our Christmas Party.

PROGRAMS:

TRANSPORTATION: Our Transportation Program continues to expand due to lack of public transportation for elders. Many elder residents are giving up their vehicles, in most cases a wise choice due to safety reasons and we find this to increase our service needs. We try to accommodate everyone's needs for transportation and will continue to do so as long as we have a vehicle and funding for this program. Our van drivers, Marion Lapienski, William Podmayer, Ethel Podmayer, and John Rankin provided 5,288 trips for weekly medical appointments, lunch pick up and return, grocery shopping, mall shopping, movies, banking, hair appointments and misc. trips for 1997. They have been very dedicated and patient and we thank them for this and the assistance they offer. The COA van is available to all persons residing in Hatfield, age 60 or older, with priority given to those without any transportation. Appointments can be made by calling the COA office.

NUTRITION PROGRAM: Funded by Highland Valley Elder Services, our hot lunch program is available Monday through Friday (no Holidays), at 11:45 A.M. at the Senior Center in Town Hall for all persons over 60 years of age. Reservations should be made at least 24 hours in advance by calling the Dining Center Director, Barbara Goll at 247-0480, Monday through Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Our Meals on Wheels Drivers, Betsy Tarr, Florence Mayo, and substitutes, Arthur Belden, Helen Sikorski, and Marion Lapienski have been

very dedicated to the program. Persons interested in Home Delivered meals should contact the Nutrition Director. Monthly menus are available at the Center. This has been a wonderful social activity for our participants, as well as nutritionally important. Volunteers and Drivers have served and delivered over 12,100 congregate and home delivered meals last year.

OTHER PROGRAMS: We have coordinated and organized many health clinics, speakers and programs consisting of the following: Monthly Blood Pressure Screenings, provided by volunteer nurses are held the 2nd Monday of each month; the annual Flu Clinic was available to all persons over 60, at risk residents, and public safety personnel. Cindy Sadowski again volunteered her services to administer the vaccine, which was provided by the Mass. Dept. of Public Health. The Fuel Assistance Program, sponsored by Franklin Community Action Corp; Free Tax Assistance Program, sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons; Monthly Food Surplus, sponsored by the Western Mass. Food Bank; The Neighbor to Neighbor Program, funded by Highland Valley Elder Services; Farmer's Market Program, sponsored by the Mass. Dept. of Agriculture; Misc. Health & Foot Screenings, sponsored by the Hampshire County VNA; SHINE Program; Medicare & Medicaid speakers; the Senior Pharmacy Program, sponsored by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs; Medical & Nutrition Speakers; Assistance to elders for Tax, Water, and Sewer Abatements; the TRIAD Program, involving Senior Citizens, Police Department, and Council on Aging. A special thanks to the S.A.L.T. Council members who have worked so hard to help the TRIAD Program be as successful as it is. Volunteers are always needed for our programs and activities, and if anyone is interested you may contact the COA office. Over 2,192 elders participated in these programs. Our thanks to those who donated to our Medical Equipment Fund an Loan Program. We have medical equipment available to loan free of charge at the COA office. Items donated by local residents help those who may need a walker, cane, crutches, a wheelchair or misc. items. Anyone wishing to donate any usable items please contact our office.

Recreational Activities available were Weekly Bridge and Bingo Games, evening bingo parties, holiday parties, mall shopping, movie trips, and motorcoach trips. Various intergenerational programs were held in cooperation with the local schools. Approximately 2,787 elders participated in these activities.

The Council on Aging provides services to over 700 Hatfield Residents age 60 and over. Our goal is to continue to provide these residents with the services, assistance and programs available to us and them so long as we have the information, resources and support of the community. We will also continue to provide as much outreach, information, referral and contact with residents unable to come to us for assistance, as well as the remainder of residents. With support and cooperation from local and regional agencies we will provide these services on health, nutrition, safety and education. With this we hope to keep our elders independent, safe, healthy, and to only enhance their quality of life while living in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary H. Brennan, Chairwoman
William Podmayer, Vice Chairman
Rev. Worth Noyes, Secretary
Henry Betsold, Historian
Laura Schilling, Member
Jane Betsold, COA Director
Barbara Goll, Dining Center Director

HATFIELD TRIAD PROGRAM

To the Residents of Hatfield:

The Hatfield TRIAD is a program which is aimed at citizens over sixty in our community. It addresses quality of life issues such as crime prevention and safety in the home. It strives to instill a feeling of security in a portion of the population that is very vulnerable. These goals are accomplished through the cooperation of the Council on Aging, Police Department and Senior Citizens themselves. The Senior Citizens form a S.A.L.T. Council (Seniors and Lawmen Together) which works with the TRIAD Officer and Council on Aging Director to identify and solve problems in the elder community.

The Hatfield TRIAD S.A.L.T. Council members include Mary Brennan, Co-Chair, Ann Burda, Ellie Gillespie, Tony Gillespie, Co-Chair, Hazel Gabriel, Alice Maiewski, June May, Dick Mooney, Gladie Newman, Iris Sawin and Helen Sikowski. The Council on Aging is represented by Director Jane Betsold. The Police Department liaison is Sgt. Thomas Osley.

The S.A.L.T. Council attended several educational conferences. These workshops were designed to enlighten the participants as to the use of the various tools available. One conference highlighted the use of media to enhance the work of TRIAD. All members attending returned with helpful information to assist the program. The New England TRIAD Conference was held in New Hampshire and was attended by S.A.L.T. Council members Ann Burda and Helen Sikorski. The two day conference consisted of workshops on elder exploitation and financial fraud, fear of crime, victim assistance, telemarketing fraud, intergenerational activities and danger at the door.

S.A.L.T. Council Co-Chair Tony Gillespie continues to represent Hatfield TRIAD on the Hampshire County TRIAD Steering Committee. He attends monthly meetings with representatives of other communities and agencies to share information concerning the elderly. S.A.L.T. Council member Ann Burda will receive training to become a volunteer for the Money Management Program. This program is designed to help elders in the community needing financial guidance.

The Hatfield Police Department applied for and received a Community Policing Grant from the State of Massachusetts. The money from this grant enables the TRIAD Officer to expand on the Home Visitation Program. It will also provide funding to purchase Emergency Lights for distribution to each over 60 household at no cost. This grant is much appreciated because little funding is available to TRIAD Programs from other sources.

OTHER SERVICES AND PROGRAMS OFFERED BY TRIAD

HOME VISITATION PROGRAM: Visits to elders who live alone or are homebound are done on a regularly scheduled basis. The visits are important to let seniors know that someone will be looking in on them. The people that are visited enjoy having someone different with whom to talk about any problems they might have. Being alone is a very difficult thing for anyone.

HOME SECURITY CHECKS: The TRIAD officer will come to senior's homes and does a survey with recommendations of ways to make the home a safer place. The survey goes a long way toward making the home a safer place and improves peace of mind that the occupants are themselves safe.

VIDEOTAPING OF HOMES: The TRIAD Officer videotapes homes and valuables within the home to be used in case of disasters for making insurance claims. The homeowner retains the tape in a safe place.

EMERGENCY LIGHTS: Emergency lights are those that screw into outside lights. When an emergency occurs, the light is flicked on twice and it blinks on and off helping emergency personnel locate them. These lights will be distributed free of charge to every senior household in the late spring thanks to the Police Department's Community Policing Grant.

FILES OF LIFE: Files of Life are available to any Hatfield resident over 60 free of charge. These Files magnetically attach to the refrigerator door and contain key medical information in case of emergency. They have been valuable in the past and EMS personnel look for them immediately. They may be obtained by calling the Council on Aging office at 247-9003.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS BOOKLETS: These booklets were compiled by the Hatfield TRIAD to assist seniors in the event of a natural catastrophe. It instructs people where to go and who to call. This book is also available by calling the C.O.A. office.

TRIAD NEWSLETTER: A newsletter with TRIAD information and home security tips is distributed along with the C.O.A. newsletter several times a year. It contains many interesting facts about what TRIAD is doing.

TRIAD MEETINGS: S.A.L.T. Council meetings are held monthly downstairs in the Town Hall in the Senior Center Dining Room. They are usually held the third Tuesday of the month. The public is invited to attend and new people are always welcome. Call the C.O.A. Office for exact times.

At this time I would again like to thank Chief David Hurley for his cooperation and his help. He has always been 100% behind the TRIAD Program. It is very much appreciated not only by myself but by the seniors involved in the program. I would also like to thank our S.A.L.T. Council. They have really become the heart of TRIAD. Without their work and input nothing

could get accomplished. A big thank you to Council on Aging director Jane Betsold for all her hard work. She spends a large amount of time helping this program stay as wonderful as it is. I would also like to thank Sheriff Robert Garvey and District Attorney Elizabeth Scheibel and their staff for their unerring support of TRIAD. I look forward to another year of working for the good of all Hatfield's senior citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgt Thomas Osley
TRIAD Officer

POLICE DEPARTMENT

STAFF:

David M. Hurley, Chief
Thomas J. Osley, Sgt.
Gregory E. Weeks, Sgt.

OFFICERS:

Matthew Barstow
William F. Boyle
Michael Holhut
Jessica Kiendzior
Raymond Redfern
William Scott
Michael Stiles
John Vey
Daniel Warner

POLICE COMMISSIONERS:

(Selectmen)
J. Michael Cahill
Lary Grossman
George Zgrodnik

The Following is the annual report for the period Jan. 1, 1997 through Dec. 31, 1997.

Calls received	1,247
Calls referred to other Services	121
Arrests effected/Warrants issued	51
Hearing attended/requested	169
Citations issued	540
Warning issued	214
Accidents reported/investigated	43
Stolen property	49
Damaged property	37
Found property	36
Protective custody/Missing persons	11
Unattended deaths	5
Internal investigations	2

The dispatch center has reported that the 911 mis-dial/prank calls have decreased from the previous year. My thanks to all of you for educating your children, and for your assistance in this area. The non-emergency numbers for the various Town Departments can be found in this book, please make note of them for you future use. Please remember **DIAL 911—TO REPORT A CRIME—SAVE A LIFE—REPORT A FIRE.**

The following Grant monies were received by the Town this past Year:

COPS FAST: This grant continued to pay 3/4 of Sgt. Osley's salary and benefits. Tom continues to devote many hours to the TRIAD Program. Please refer to his report contained within this book for details.

Vest Grant: This grant continues pay for bullet resistant vests for newly hired Officers. This is without any supportive cost to our Town.

Dare Grant: This Grant totalled \$6,000.00 which was awarded by the State. The money received covers the salary cost of replacing Sgt. Weeks during the instruction/training aspects of the program. Please refer to his report contained within this book for details.

Community Policing Grant: This Grant totalled \$11,000.00 and was awarded by the State. These funds are being used to support the TRIAD program (see Tom's report for details), and to replace the hand held radar unit.

Cops More Grant: Our Town, along with the State Police applied for a Grant to purchase a complete Computer System. This system has been received and is on line. My sincere thanks to Officer Matt Barstow for his efforts in setting up the system, and training all of us who will use it.

Programs which are continuing:

Video tapping: Elementary School aged children were again video taped, and the next segment will take place before the end of this School year. My thanks again to ALL of those who assisted in making this such a pleasant experience. The equipment being used was purchased with a Grant from the State.

Unregistered/junk vehicles: This problem has been in existence for many years. The Town has begun the process in developing a non-criminal citation system. These citations will be issued to those who have chosen to ignore the warnings issued by various Officers trying to enforce the by-law. I do realize that in some instances residents have a legitimate reason for having vehicles on their property (ie. restoring, death in family, snow removal, farming equipment, etc.), but some of these vehicles certainly do not fall with these categories. Upon receiving these citations the Officers will actively pursue the enforcement of the by-law. I request that if any resident who has a complaint to contact the Department. This is so the Officer can respond back to you, if the Offender has a legitimate reason for the vehicle to be on his/her property.

House Numbering: This problem has also been a major concern for many years. With the non-criminal citation system this can also be addressed. I encourage all of you to go outside your residence/business when it is dark, and see if you can see the number from the street. The time spent looking for addresses can be the differences between life and death of you or a loved one. **I strongly suggest the use of reflectorized numbers.** A Town by-law exists concerning the placement of house numbers, which also must be visible from the street. This Department will report to the Building Inspector, the enforcing Official, any violations of this by-law. I also, will encourage the other Emergency Services to do the same, when responding to calls for service.

All Officers have continued to receive all Training mandated by Law, along with Specialized sessions. Some of these include CPR, First Responder, Radar instruction, Domestic/Child/Elder Abuse, Defensive Tactics, Firearm/Baton/OC training.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to those of you, along with members of the Police Department for your concern/support during my back injury/surgery this past year. During this difficult time your cards/calls/visits made it much easier to endure. I wish also to express my thanks to ALL the various Boards, Departments, but most of all to YOU the Residents of our Town for your continued support of this Department.

Respectfully submitted

David M. Hurley
Chief of Police

DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION

To the Residents of Hatfield:

This year was the eighth year of the D.A.R.E. Program in our schools. On May 10, we graduated 33 students from D.A.R.E. and now have over 300 students that have graduated from D.A.R.E. This year also saw my second class of D.A.R.E. students graduate from Smith Academy.

Also in May we enjoyed our graduation party that was held at the American Legion. Once again the graduating D.A.R.E. students and their parents enjoyed a great sit down roast beef dinner served by some of my past D.A.R.E. students and prepared by the always generous people of Jim and Betsy Tarr. This was also our eighth year with the Hatfield D.A.R.E. Bowling League where all the participants were rewarded with trophies. The magic of William Childs was enjoyed by all and most of all the flying rabbit trip. For those who didn't know, rabbits can fly. The special guests of Coach John Robic and UMASS player Tyrone Weeks were enjoyed by all. Everyone who wanted an autograph got one. We can't thank the UMASS basketball program enough for their time and consideration that they afforded our children.

Prior to the D.A.R.E. graduation we had enjoyed many field trips and other activities at the Youth Center. We enjoyed a few trips to Mt. Tom Water slide where everyone had a great time. We also traveled to the Miniature Gold Course in Hadley where everyone toned their golfing skills. Some of the kids are still trying to hit their first ball off the driving range. The students also enjoyed monthly trips to Interskate 91 where we all got some bumps and bruises. In June we enjoyed a trip to see the Pittsfield Mets play. Everyone there filled up with hot dogs and soda. Each child was given a Mets baseball where they hounded the players for autographs. I got the most autographs. In August we again enjoyed a beautiful day on the ocean looking for whales and did see them. They were so happy to see us that the whales began "breeching" out of the water. Or was it they were "breeching" out of the water when we decided to leave. Either way we all had fun.

In August we held our annual Cow Plop Derby and fireworks. Once again the cows did their thing and dirtied the fields. This years fireworks were the best ever and we are already planning for this years Cow Plop Derby and fireworks which will be held on July 25, 1998 at the Lions Club Pavilion. Hopefully, a six team one-pitch co-ed softball tournament will also be taking place. As always there will be food and soda available. Due to the decrease in grant money and contributions I urge you to purchase your Cow Plop Deed so that we can continue to offer all the various programs to our children.

The next year will be just as much fun. I encourage you all to come out and support the Program as much as possible in order to maintain the level that we now operate at. BUY THOSE COW PLOPS. I would like to thank all those faithful who contributed their returnable cans and bottles to our dumpster. This dumpster is now located by the Teen Center for your convenience.

This past year has been a very rewarding year and look forward to an even better 1998. I would like to thank all those who came out and supported us this year. I would like to thank the Chief of Police for allowing me to continue the D.A.R.E. Program and arranging my schedule so that I may continue the Program. I would also like to thank from the bottom of my heart all the parents, teachers, friends and students that supported me during my heart surgery. Your support only made my recovery better and faster. It is times like this that you find out who your friends really are and I have learned this. Thank you all.

Finally, to all my D.A.R.E. students past and present. Be all that you can be. You don't need the military services for this. Don't let anyone hold you back on your dreams. I've told you that you can accomplish anything you want as long as you want it bad enough. Be good to others human and animals. You all are my will to go on during hard times. If you feel you have yet to accomplish anything you all have accomplished earning my respect and love.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory E. Weeks
Hatfield D.A.R.E. Officer

FIRE DEPARTMENT

To The Residents of Hatfield;

The following is the Fire Department's annual report for the calendar year ending on December 31, 1997.

The Fire Department responded to the following calls during the last calendar year.

Motor Vehicle Accidents	19
Alarm Sounding	35
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	6
Motor Vehicle Fires	10
Electrical Fires	3
Assist on Medical Calls	3
Heating System Failure	2
Brush Fire	28
Power Lines Down	6
Search & Rescue	2
Structure/Chimney Fire	3
LPG/LNG Odor Investigation	4
Smoke/Odor Investigation	7
Bomb Threat	2
Assist Federal Aviation Adm.	1
Tire Fire	4
Appliance Malfunction	2

The Fire Department performed the following inspections during the calendar year:

LPG Inspections	11
Smoke Detector Inspections	21
Oil Burner/Tank Inspections	13
Underground Tank Removals	12

The Fire Department purchased a set of Hurst Jaws of Life Rescue System with funds that were donated by businesses and individuals throughout the area. Additional funds to complete the purchase was voted at town meeting for this purchase. The Department conducted a Massachusetts Firefighting Academy course on the use of these tools with the majority of the Department participating. The representative of the manufacturer also conducted an in depth training session when the tools were delivered. We will be continually training on the use of these tools.

The Fire Department emergency equipment is rapidly beginning to show its age. Our town Vehicle Maintenance Manager, with my agreement, removed our tank truck from service recently. This vehicle is underpowered and has bad brakes. Our town mechanic also has severe problems trying to obtain parts because of its age. This means we no longer have a town owned water tank truck for use in an emergency. This may seem like a trivial problem because of the fact that we have a hydrant system in 80% of the town. Hatfield has a poor or non-existent delivery system in sections of the town, such as Old Stage Road,

sections of Cronin Hill, sections of Straits Road, and lower Depot Road areas. In the event of a serious structure fire water must be transported to the fire scene to augment the existing system. We are now missing a "vital" link in our fire suppression system. We, as do all the fire departments in the area, also depend on the "mutual aid" system. The mutual aid system does take time to activate and respond, however. This time is vital in the quick suppression of a working structure fire. I have asked our equipment manager to try and do some stop-gap repairs on our oldest engine. The compartments have rotted to the point where you can open the compartment doors and see the pavement. These problems must be addressed and rectified for the safety of the fire fighters and for the protection of property.

We have reached the point where the center station is extremely cramped, space-wise. We have equipment parked so close to one another that it is only a matter of time before some piece of equipment is damaged. We have worked through the state surplus system to gain additional pieces for the town. Our tank truck, recently taken out of service, our brush truck, generators, and trailers have been obtained at no cost to the town. The members of the department, on their own time, have done necessary body work, made repairs, and painted this equipment. We have saved considerable monies for the town through this program while gaining valuable equipment.

I wish to thank my officers and members of the Department for their continued support during the past year. We have made great strides during the last year. We are moving quickly to the beginning of a new millennium and I feel the Department is moving forward and will be prepared for what the years will bring for challenges. These dedicated individuals have worked countless hours during the past year to further their skills for the benefit of the Town.

I would like to thank all the members of the Hatfield Fire Department, the various boards and departments for their assistance during 1997. I would especially like to thank the town hall secretaries, Teresa and Ruth, for all the vital assistance that they have given me during the year. Most of all I want to thank the citizens of Hatfield for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted

Robert J. Osepowicz
Fire Chief

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Town of Hatfield Ambulance Service responded to a total of 224 emergency calls this past year. This again is an increase over the previous years. I would like to assure you that the situation with one of our local businesses has been resolved. The increase in activity has come from the population of the Town of Hatfield and the people traveling through it. We welcome this activity, it has been a challenge to us and one that we have been able to handle.

This past year Gregory Gagnon was appointed to the position of Assistant Manager. Greg has been a member of the service for some time. Greg is ALS certified as an Intermediate and brings experience to this position. Greg has also taken on the duties as the duties of training officer.

I had submitted names of members of the service for awards that I felt were deserved. I have received back from the Office of Emergency Medical Services that these had been excepted. 6 members will be receiving special recognition awards and 5 members will be receiving save awards. These awards will be given out during Emergency Medical Week later in the year. I think this shows the caliber of the staff in the service.

I am pleased to report that the ambulance is running well and is living up to the expectations that we had for it. For us in the service it is wonderful to have a unit large enough to work in and do good patient care. The new building is working out well also. We have held several training classes and meetings there already.

I have had several more members take to semi automatic defibrillator classes and are now certified in the use of it. I am now looking into the possibility of upgrading the current unit that we have which is 10 years old. I am looking into replacing this with a new unit and placing the older unit into the police cruiser.

We still maintain our Intermediate level of service. We will also continue using the Critical Response Paramedic unit from Northampton as it is needed. It is our way of getting the hospital to the patient faster. Everyone is reminded to use the 911 telephone number for any type of emergency.

After many hours of thinking about this I have made the decision that I will retire from the Emergency Services for the Town of Hatfield effective December 31, 1998. I have been in the emergency field for the Town of Hatfield since 1966. I started out in the fire department than moved more towards the ambulance service when it was started back in 1982. I have also been a member of several emergency services committee through out that time. A lot of people have no idea how much time and effort that is given up to maintain the needed training and credentials to remain a volunteer in any of these services. I have seen my

family grow up and move away during this time. I feel that I have been a good leader and have never asked anyone to do anything that I have not done myself already. I have touched a lot of lives during this time and I hope that all have been a positive experience. I had been invited to speak about the ambulance service at a meeting of one of the town clubs. I was introduced at this meeting by a very good friend of mine. The introduction went, if anything ever happened to me one the people that I would like to see over me when I woke up was Teddy Celatka. I truly hope that I have lived up to this.

To the dedicated members of the ambulance service both past and present I thank you all. We have been through the good times as well as the times that have tested our skills and abilities to the limits. We have all learned from these experiences. With out your dedication and effort this service would not be what it is today. This was not an easy decision by any means for me to make but I feel that it is time. I will stay on to assist that board of Selectmen, if requested, to fill the position of Manager and in the transition period.

I would like to thank all the citizens of Hatfield for your support through out all these years. Also all the members of the emergency services for working together and assisting the other during the difficult times. I would also like to thank the members of the Board of Selectmen both past and present for having the faith in me. To everyone, thank you all.

Members of the service

Celatka, Theodore Manager
Gagnon, Gregory Assistant Manager
Banas, Laurie
Baker, Douglass
Crepeau, James
Gaghan, Steve
Noyes, Worth
Ober, Mark
Pelis, Cessie
Pomeroy, Susan
Rogaleski, Barrett
Suriano, Jeffery
Weeks, Gregory
Williams, Darryl

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

TO THE RESIDENTS OF HATFIELD:

What a full year this has been! Headlining all of our other achievements is the completion of Phase One of restoring the Billings Way Tobacco Shed, also known as the HATFIELD FARM MUSEUM & EDUCATIONAL CENTER. With a \$30,000 grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission, and the financial support of the town, the Hatfield Historical Society, and from individual donors, the roof has been replaced, the doors have been restored, (one had to be built), all new siding on the south side was done and broken boards on the other three elevations were replaced. Some structural framing was replaced or reinforced. Whiteway Construction Co. of Westfield was awarded the bid to do the work.

While Mary Lou Cutter supervised this project from May through December, and did the clerical work involved, we especially want to recognize two men who assisted her. Cory Bardwell, officer of the Hatfield Historical Society, and Robert J. Cutter, a Society member were most helpful in overseeing the work, offering suggestions on construction, and locating hardware.

We wish to thank Mrs. Geraldine Smith, principal of the elementary school, and the school department for their cooperation. A huge portion of thanks go to the Historical Society for their assistance, and to Mary Burgess, Assistant to the Selectmen for her help, and to all of the people who believed this project could be accomplished including former resident, Ambassador Robert J. Ryan, who not only gave us encouragement, but also helped financially. We are especially grateful to Duseau Trucking for hauling away the trash from this project free of charge.

Those of you who have items you want to donate to the Farm Museum are asked to hold them for awhile longer. A concrete floor should be poured before we move in, because we are faced with the dilemma of what to do with these artifacts if we need to move them out again to cement the floor.

We got a little publicity out of this restoration project. On October 7th, Sy Becker of Channel 22 Television news interviewed Mrs. Cutter and aired a short segment about the Farm Museum.

Research for the Elm Street Historic District continues. Commissioners toured the district with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission researcher, Bonnie Parsons while Cory Bardwell and Bob Cutter narrated stories which Bonnie added to her work. We wish to thank Jane Betsold, Director of the Council on Aging for, not only loaning us the COA bus for the tour, but also driving us through the district.

The HAMPSHIRE & FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSIONERS met in Hatfield for their semi-annual meeting on April 26th. We met at the Hatfield First Congregational Church with approximately 40 in attendance. All Historical Commissioners attended. At the October meeting held in Williamsburg, George Ashley and Mrs. Cutter attended. The sharing of ideas at these meetings is vital to keeping Historical Commissioners informed.

On April 19th Commissioners Thomas Prew and Mrs. Cutter, and Mrs. Rita Prew, an officer of the Hatfield Historical Society attended a meeting at the Old County Courthouse in Northampton, offered by the Historical Records Preservation Advisory Board Subcommittee of the Hampshire County Commissioners for the purpose of learning how to preserve documents.

In July, Mrs. Cutter, with several members of the Historical Society, including Louise Slysz, Town Clerk, attended a meeting in Easthampton sponsored by the Historic Records Advisory Board. We are all interested in preservation of our historic documents.

To better interpret our twentieth century museum items, Mrs. Cutter and Mrs. Rita Prew, an officer of the Historical Society, attended six seminars in the spring in Deerfield sponsored by the Bay State Historical League.

Mr. Ashley and Mrs. Cutter wrote the historical aspect of an Environmental grant application at the request of Mrs. Burgess. Mrs. Cutter attended a meeting of the Selectmen as requested to update them on our historic district work. Upon request we assisted Mrs. Burgess and the Selectmen in deciding appropriate places to lay wreaths on Memorial Day.

We also designed an informational pamphlet about the Historic Museum which is located on the second floor of the Dickinson Memorial Hall.

Because the Connecticut River borders Hatfield on two sides, we consulted environmentalist, Terry Blunt, and then wrote a letter in support of nominating the Connecticut River as an AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER. The letter was sent to the Connecticut River Watershed Council, and then it was forwarded to the Council on Environmental Quality in Washington, D.C. We are waiting now to hear if this longest river in New England has been accepted as one of ten AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVERS in the United States.

Under the leadership of Commissioner Thomas Carroll, an Ad Hoc committee has been formed to look into making the Dickinson Memorial Hall become both a secure and a climatically sound environment for books and our valuable historic collection, and to make the building more user-friendly. They are investigating installing air conditioning throughout the building and providing heat in the second floor museum. This committee is comprised of two Historical Commissioners, Mr. Carroll and George Ashley, Library Trustees, members of the Friends of the Library, and the Hatfield Historical Society.

Mrs. Karen Czerniak's fifth grade students presented the Commissioners with arrowheads which they found during their surface search at the Ted Kabat Farm. The students had designed a diorama and mural depicting the environment of the Capawonk Indians and presented these also. The items were at first displayed at the Town Hall and are now located in the museum. We wish to thank these young people and Mrs. Czerniak for their meaningful interest in our town history.

Preservation awards were presented this year to Denise & John Courtemanche, 19 Cronin Hill Road, and Susan & Edwin McGlew, 140 Chestnut Street. Congratulations! Anyone wishing to nominate a property to receive this award can find forms to do so at the Town Hall. The property must be 50 years old or older, and must be recently preserved in the original style. At this time vinyl siding will not be considered.

This year, Smith College presented the very first SOPHIA SMITH AWARD to honor its founder. The recipient was RUTH BADEN GINSBURG, SUPREME COURT JUSTICE.

Again we wish to thank Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Moriarty for the complimentary cleaning of the museum.

Kathleen Grandonico resigned from the Historical Commission after serving with dedication for over ten years, many of those years as our secretary. We will shall miss her knowledge, lightheartedness, and keen insight.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou B. Cutter, Chairman
George H. Ashley III, Acting Secretary
Thomas E. Carroll
Thomas L. Prew

HATFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

To The Citizens of Hatfield:

The Trustees have worked through much transition this past year, in terms of staff as well as services. During this time, we were fortunate to have both employees and volunteers step in to keep the Library operating smoothly as we searched for our Acting Director.

We are also much indebted to librarian Ruth Urell, a resident of Hatfield, who worked many weeks to process books so that we could maintain the same high level of service we have always offered to our patrons.

This year saw the formation of the "Friends of the Hatfield Library," whose goal is to provide assistance and "enhance the cultural life of our community."

Many thanks to patrons who have made individual donations, as well as the Hatfield Historical Society, and the Hatfield Book Club, whose ongoing support is much appreciated.

The Library circulated 19,048 items this fiscal year, an increase of over 1,600 items from FY96. We will continue to provide our patrons with books, periodicals, and video and audio tapes, as well as the weekly story hour for the young set.

The primary goal of the Trustees for next year is to have a handicapped ramp so that more residents can avail themselves of our services.

We invite those residents of Hatfield who have not visited the Library recently to come in and peruse the collection of over 20,000 volumes. You will see that we offer a warm, comfortable setting for adults, and a colorful, inviting area for children.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Trustees
Jane A. Scavotto, Chairperson
Kathleen Winters
Thomas Carroll

RECREATION COMMISSION

To The Residents of Hatfield:

The Recreation Commission would first like to thank two long-term members who retired from our board during 1997. Karen Zerner and Bob Shea both volunteered endless hours to benefit the youth of our town. Bob was president and Karen secretary for many years, exhibiting dedication, hard work and honesty always with the intent of helping our town youth as a priority. We will miss them and their hard work, which greatly benefited the town of Hatfield.

The number of children participating in our year round programs continues to grow. This is a direct result of parental involvement. With the exception of our six-week summer recreation program, all fall, winter and spring activities are run by volunteers.

During soccer season we offer a one night a week practice for Kindergartners. A separate league is formed for grades One through Three and grades Four through Six. These Leagues which are both made up of four teams play two nights a week behind Breor Elementary School.

Both girls and boys from grade One through Six enjoy basketball participation. Saturday morning First and Second graders each has an hour of instruction followed by girls and boys in grades Three through Six. The town also sponsors a girls and boys traveling team participating in the Suburban League.

During the spring T-Ball is enjoyed by grades One and Two. Overhand pitch is offered to the Third graders and grades Four through Six participate in the Frontier Farm League and Frontier Little League. The girls formed their own softball league made up of four teams.

Overall the Recreation Commission would like to thank all the parents who volunteer so much time and energy to make our programs so rewarding to the youth of our town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Wickles (Chairman)
Richard Strong
Dana Weybrew

SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Nature and Extent of This Report

The period of time covered by this report is from January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997. During this period, a change in the Superintendency took place. On June 1st, Dr. Thomas Cimino arrived to assist Mr. Leonard Yarrows, the interim Superintendent. On July 1, 1997, he assumed all of the duties of superintendent.

School Committee

Mr. Patrick Gaughan was elected Chairperson in April.

Mrs. Janet Szyc and Mrs. Janice Davis were elected as new members replacing Mrs. Maureen Ryan-Wise and Mrs. Mary Williams. The other members include: Mr. Patrick Gaughan, Mr. Mark Vachula and Mr. Stanley Pitchko.

The regular posted monthly meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of the month, but are subject to change. Subcommittee meetings are usually held monthly and are subject to an "as-needed" basis. The members of the community are urged to attend these meetings as the School Committee looks forward to receiving input and relies on all points of view in formulating their decisions.

The goals and objectives of the School Committee have been, and continue to be, to oversee the school system and provide the best possible education while staying within the resources available.

The community is fortunate that such high quality people serve on the School Committee. It takes a great deal of time and dedication to handle the complex and difficult changes with which they must deal. The committee is to be congratulated for the fine job it did during this last year.

Superintendent of Schools

A superintendent must always realize that the educational needs of the students are first and foremost. A team effort by the entire staff is needed to accomplish this end. My goals for the Hatfield Schools for the 1997-1998 school year are:

1. Create a culture which is characterized by trust, cooperation, positive interaction, and objectivity.
2. Establish a council or board of directors to identify, plan and Implement a K-12 staff development program.

3. Upgrade computer equipment and implement support services in accordance with the approved K-12 technology plan.
4. Upgrade K-12 science equipment, materials and curriculum.
5. Develop job descriptions and evaluation systems for the Special Education Director, technology personnel, and other positions not covered by collective bargaining contracts.
6. Create a program budget format for FY '99.

Staff Appointments/Changes

A number of staff changes have taken place resulting in some re-alignment within the system. They are:

1. Ms. Jennifer Toth - Health Teacher
2. Ms. Angie Phillips - Spanish Language Teacher
3. Ms. Emily Case - Middle School - Science Teacher
4. Ms. Andrea Michaels - Elementary School Reading Specialist
5. Ms. Katie Flavin - School Committee/S.A. Principal's Secretary
6. Mrs. Laurie Parker - Middle School - Math Teacher
7. Mr. Gary Isenberg - 75% School Psychologist
8. Mrs. Pauline Curry - Special Education Director
9. Mr. Richard Muise - Technology Teacher

Changes to the Physical Plants

1. Smith Academy Solar Panels - Five solar panels were repaired by Granger Heating and Cooling at a cost of \$1,100. As of the date of this report the solar energy system is fully functional.
2. Network Wiring - Approximately 90% of the wiring needed for connection to the Internet, the local area network (LAN) and cable T.V. has been completed. The technology in the building should be fully functional by spring of 1998.

3. Breor Elementary School Energy Project - The heating system for Breor was converted from oil to gas. The work was done by Berkshire Gas Company at a cost of \$12,850.
4. Network Wiring - The entire building has been wired for both a local area network (LAN), cable T.V. and the Internet. As of the date of this report all of the technology in the building is fully functional.

Education Function/Changes

MIDDLE SCHOOL - The Middle School was introduced into our school system replacing the Junior High School. It is housed within the Smith Academy building, separated from other classes, and follows its own time schedule. A team of four teachers was created to serve these students and they meet daily to assess their educational needs. The Middle School Concept places increased emphasis on individual development of the young adolescent, for this is a critical time of cognitive, social, emotional and physical growth. It is also a time that is associated with turbulence, self-examination, curiosity, questioning and exploration. Consequently, the Middle School concept is continually being evaluated for determining the most effective methods of education at this level. Traditional scheduling programs have been modified to encompass block scheduling as the need arises.

Long Block Scheduling - A modified long block schedule was implemented in September. Each subject will meet for 73 minutes, once during a three day cycle, in addition to the other periods of 48 minutes. Reaction by both staff and students has been mixed. In January 1998, long block scheduling will be reviewed and modified, if necessary.

School of Choice - The issue of whether or not this school system will participate in the School of Choice program, as outlined by the state, is one that has to be voted on annually by the School Committee. In order to provide the community with information both for and against this involvement, the School Committee formed a task force to examine this question. From these findings, the School Committee voted not to participate in the School of Choice program.

Negotiations - The process of negotiating a new contract between the Hatfield School Committee and the Hatfield Teachers' Association began in April and concluded in November. The traditional method of collective bargaining was not successful and was replaced by another method called collaborative bargaining.

Technology Plan - The Hatfield technology plan was accepted by the State Department of Education and the Town provided \$31,000 for the first year of the five year plan.

The five year plan is to integrate technology into the curriculum, teaching/learning environment and support services. The second part of its mission is to encourage and support the use of technology throughout the community.

It is anticipated that in the near future courses in Computer Graphics and T.V. production will be added to the Smith Academy curriculum. Efforts are already underway to secure funding for a T.V. studio. This facility will need to be established if the T.V. Production course is to become a reality.

The concept of technology will have to be expanded to encompass science lab equipment, expanded use of the satellite dish, television and language labs to mention just a few ideas.

Building Needs Task Force - The School Committee established a task force in September to determine if the space available within Breor and Smith Academy is adequate to serve the system for the next ten years. The Task Force is expected to complete its work by March 1998.

Closing Comments

The size of the Hatfield School system is both an asset and liability. However, in my short tenure, I have determined that the positives far outweigh the negatives.

The staff has unselfishly placed the students' needs at the top of their own priority lists. As a result, teachers have become friends, mentors and counselors in addition to conducting an academic orchestra of ideas.

Students respond to the personalized education by applying themselves and showing the utmost respect for their peers and their teachers.

In my professional opinion, Hatfield is a model, small school system.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Cimino, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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EMERGENCY ONLY

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POLICE	911
AMBULANCE	911

NON EMERGENCY

FIRE	247-9008
POLICE	247-0323
AMBULANCE	247-0489
AMBULANCE BILLING	247-9200
STATE POLICE	584-3000
D.A.R.E. PROGRAM	247-DARE
ABUSE & RAPE CRISIS HOT LINE	733-7100

TOWN OFFICES

MEMORIAL TOWN HALL, 59 MAIN STREET	247-9200
" " "	247-9211
" " " FAX MACHINE	247-5029
ACCOUNTANT	247-0495
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/SELECTMEN	247-0481
ASSESSORS OFFICE	247-0322
BUILDING COMMISSIONER	247-0491
BOARD OF HEALTH	247-0497
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER	247-0492
TOWN COLLECTOR	247-0496
COUNCIL ON AGING	247-9003
COUNCIL ON AGING MEAL SITE	247-0480
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, 10 STRAITS ROAD	247-5646
HOUSING AUTHORITY, CAPAWONK	247-9202
PUBLIC LIBRARY, 35 MAIN STREET (HOURS: TUES & THURS. 10 AM TO 3 PM; WED & FRI 6 PM TO 9 PM; SAT. 9 AM TO 1 PM)	247-9097
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 33 MAIN STREET	247-5010
SPECIAL EDUCATION	247-9711
SMITH ACADEMY, 34 SCHOOL STREET	247-5641
TRANSFER STATION, 6 STRAITS RD.-D (HOURS: MON & WED. 1 TO 6 PM & SAT. 8 AM TO 5 PM)	247-5515
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE MANAGER, 10 STRAITS ROAD	247-0498
WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, 260 MAIN STREET	247-9844
WATER TREATMENT FACILITY, RESERVOIR ROAD	247-5222